

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☐ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 1164, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Senator Griffin

Griffin-AM-FS-Req#3191
3/10/2016 12:07 PM

(Floor Amendments Only) Date and Time Filed: _____

☐ Untimely

☐ Amendment Cycle Extended

☐ Secondary Amendment

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1164

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

Kirby of the House

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

[sports-related injuries - concussions - certain
training - youth athletes - State Department of
Health - ~~effective date~~ -
emergency]

~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-155, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 24-155. A. Each school district board of education
shall work in cooperation with the Oklahoma Secondary School
Activities Association to develop the guidelines and other pertinent
information and forms to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes,
and their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion
and head injury, including continuing to play after concussion or
head injury. On an annual basis, a concussion and head injury
information sheet shall be completed and returned to the school

1 district by the youth athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian
2 prior to the youth athlete's participation in practice or
3 competition.

4 B. ~~A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion~~
5 ~~or head injury during a practice or game shall be removed from~~
6 ~~participation at that time~~ Upon initial hiring, coaches and
7 officials or referees must undergo and complete concussion training
8 provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or
9 a comparable program or resource. A record of completion of the
10 training course shall be kept on record with the school district's
11 board of education.

12 C. If a youth athlete practicing or competing in an
13 interscholastic athletic event exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors
14 consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury while
15 participating in the practice or competition, the youth athlete
16 shall be removed from the practice or competition by any of the
17 following:

- 18 1. The athlete's parent or legal guardian;
- 19 2. A licensed athletic trainer;
- 20 3. An individual who is serving as the youth athlete's coach
21 during that practice or competition; or
- 22 4. An individual who is serving as a referee during that
23 practice or competition.

1 D. If a youth athlete is removed from practice or competition
2 as provided in subsection C of this section, the athletic trainer,
3 coach or referee who removed the youth athlete shall not allow the
4 athlete, on the same day the youth athlete is removed, to return to
5 that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice
6 or competition for which the coach or referee is responsible, unless
7 deemed eligible pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this
8 section.

9 ~~C.~~ E. A youth athlete who has been removed from participation
10 as provided in subsection ~~B~~ C of this section may not participate
11 until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider
12 trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and receives
13 written clearance to return to participation from that health care
14 provider. The health care provider may be a volunteer. A volunteer
15 who authorizes a youth athlete to return to participation shall not
16 be liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission in
17 the rendering of such care, other than acts or omissions
18 constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

19 F. Respective governing boards shall establish the following
20 minimum penalties for those individuals listed in subsection C of
21 this section who knowingly violate subsection C or D of this
22 section:

23 1. For a first violation, suspension from involvement in any
24 athletic activity for a period of one (1) month;

1 2. For a second violation, suspension from involvement in any
2 athletic activity for the remainder of the season; and

3 3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from involvement
4 in any athletic activity.

5 G. The sponsors of youth athletic activities not associated
6 with a school are encouraged to follow the guidance stated in this
7 act.

8 H. The State Department of Health shall create a concussion and
9 head injury information sheet for participants in interscholastic
10 athletics and youth sports organizations. The Department shall
11 include in the information sheet pertinent information to inform and
12 educate coaches, athletes, parents, guardians or other persons
13 having care or charge of athletes of the signs and symptoms of
14 concussion or head injury and the risks of continuing to practice
15 for or compete in an athletic event or activity after sustaining a
16 concussion or head injury. The Department periodically shall review
17 the information sheet and update it accordingly.

18 1. The State Department of Health shall make the information
19 sheet available on its Internet website in a format suitable for
20 easy downloading and printing.

21 2. The State Department of Health shall provide a link on its
22 Internet website to one or more free online training programs in
23 recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries.
24

1 I. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to
2 implement the provisions of this section.

3 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.~~

4 ~~SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
5 ~~of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby~~
6 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
7 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

8
9 55-2-3191 AM 3/10/2016 12:07:14 PM