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Research Analysis

The CS requires the State Department of Health to create a concussion management section on its website to provide guidelines necessary for each school district and youth sports organization to develop their own policies and procedures regarding concussions, head injuries, and related matters. It requires youth sports organizations or associations to develop policies and procedures for concussion and head injuries. Information about such injuries must be given annually to the athlete and the parent or guardian.

The bill requires game and team officials to receive concussion training provided by the CDC, the National Federation of State High School Associations or a comparable program or resource. Lastly, it requires an athlete be removed from practice or competition by any game official or team official if the athlete exhibits signs of a concussion or head-injury.

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Fiscal Analysis

If the Health Department can supply the links to CDC and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) on their website then it will not cost much, but if the Health Department does have to prepare the guidelines, fact sheets, and other information for parents, teachers, coaches, officials, athletes and others to meet all of those criteria and periodically review them, then it will take expertise in concussions which they do not currently have. The Health Department would have to contract with a medical professional or medical school to provide that expertise. The Health Department is unable to estimate the cost of accomplishing all of this at this time.

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Other Considerations

None.