

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 348

Ordered by the Senate April 17
Including Senate Amendments dated April 17

Sponsored by Senator MORRISSETTE (at the request of Brain Injury Association of Oregon)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Directs school district to ensure that football helmets be annually inspected and to replace all helmets within 10 years. Prohibits use of football helmets that do not meet standards adopted by State Board of Education.]

Requires coaches of *[interscholastic football]* **school athletic** teams to receive annual training on how to recognize symptoms of concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for person suspected of having concussion. **Requires coach to not allow member of school athletic team to participate in athletic event or training on same day that member exhibits signs of or is diagnosed with having concussion.**

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to safety of school sports; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "coach" means a person who instructs or trains**
5 **members on a school athletic team, as identified by criteria established by the State Board**
6 **of Education by rule.**

7 **(2)(a) Each school district shall ensure that coaches receive annual training to learn how**
8 **to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a**
9 **person suspected of having a concussion.**

10 **(b) The board shall establish by rule:**

11 **(A) The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, which**
12 **shall be provided by using community resources to the extent practicable; and**

13 **(B) Timelines to ensure that, to the extent practicable, every coach receives the training**
14 **described in paragraph (a) of this subsection before the beginning of the season for the**
15 **school athletic team.**

16 **(3)(a) A coach may not allow a member of a school athletic team to participate in any**
17 **athletic event or training on the same day that the member:**

18 **(A) Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an ob-**
19 **served or suspected blow to the head or body; or**

20 **(B) Has been diagnosed with a concussion.**

21 **(b) A coach may allow a member of a school athletic team who is prohibited from par-**
22 **ticipating in an athletic event or training, as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection,**
23 **to participate in an athletic event or training no sooner than the day after the member ex-**
24 **perienced a blow to the head or body and only after the member:**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (A) No longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion; and

2 (B) Receives a medical release form from a health care professional.

3 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2009 Act first applies to the 2010-2011 school year.

4 **SECTION 3.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect
6 July 1, 2009.

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