

Senate Bill 348

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE (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 **as introduced**.

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 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.

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) Each school district shall ensure that football helmets that are available**
5 **to students at schools of the district for use in interscholastic football be annually inspected**
6 **and meet standards adopted by the State Board of Education by rule.**

7 **(2) If a football helmet does not meet the standards adopted under subsection (1) of this**
8 **section, the school district shall immediately cause the helmet to no longer be available for**
9 **use.**

10 **(3) A school district shall replace all football helmets available for use by students par-**
11 **ticipating in interscholastic football within 10 years of first being available for use, regardless**
12 **of whether the helmets meet the standards adopted under subsection (1) of this section.**

13 **SECTION 2. (1) A school district shall first conduct an annual inspection described in**
14 **section 1 of this 2009 Act prior to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.**

15 **(2) Notwithstanding the requirement to replace all football helmets within 10 years under**
16 **section 1 (3) of this 2009 Act, a school district that has football helmets on the effective date**
17 **of this 2009 Act for which the district is unable to determine when the football helmets first**
18 **were available for use, must replace all of those football helmets by July 1, 2019.**

19 **SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, "coach" means a person who instructs or trains**
20 **members of an interscholastic football team, as identified by criteria established by the State**
21 **Board of Education by rule.**

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

25 **(3) The board shall establish by rule the requirements of the training described in sub-**
26 **section (2) of this section and timelines to ensure that, to the extent practicable, all coaches**
27 **receive the training before an interscholastic football season begins.**

28 **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2009 Act first applies to school districts that have inter-**

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 scholastic football coaches for interscholastic football seasons that begin during or after the
2 2010-2011 school year.

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

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