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3 By Representatives Johnson (R) and DeMarco
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ENROLLED, An Act,

To amend Section 2 of Act 2011-541 of the 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 22-11E-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to concussions and head injuries; to require each local board of education to develop guidelines and other pertinent information regarding medical evaluation of concussions or head injuries; and to require a youth athlete who has been removed from a practice or an athletic game because of a concussion be withheld from practice for or participation in athletic games.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 2 of Act 2011-541 of the 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 22-11E-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§22-11E-2.

"(a) ~~The~~ Each local school system and governing body of each sport or recreational organization shall develop guidelines and other pertinent information and forms to inform and educate youth athletes and their parents or guardians in their program of the nature and risk of concussion and brain injury, including continuing to play after a suspected concussion or brain injury. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by the youth athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian

1 prior to the youth athlete's initiating practice or
2 competition.

3 "(b) Each local school system and sports or
4 recreational organization governing body shall ensure that
5 coaches receive annual training to learn how to recognize the
6 symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical
7 treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion.

8 "(c) Each local school system and sports or
9 recreational organization shall establish by rule the
10 requirements of the training which shall be provided by using
11 designated resources to the extent practicable and timelines
12 to ensure that, to the extent practicable, every coach
13 receives the training before the beginning of practice for the
14 school athletic team.

15 "(d) A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining
16 a concussion or brain injury in practice or a game shall be
17 immediately removed from participation and may not return to
18 play the day of the injury and until the athlete he or she is
19 evaluated by a licensed physician and receives written
20 clearance to return to play from a licensed physician."

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 08-MAR-12, as amended.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate 02-MAY-12 Passed