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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2439

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2439 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 15 and adding Sections 25 and 30 as  
6 follows:

7 (410 ILCS 145/15)

8 Sec. 15. Concussion and head injury educational materials.  
9 Each youth sports league with players who participate in any  
10 youth-sponsored sports activity sponsored or sanctioned by the  
11 youth sports league shall ~~is encouraged to~~ make available,  
12 electronically or in writing, to coaches, game officials, and  
13 players, as well as the parents, guardians, and other persons  
14 with legal authority to make medical decisions, educational  
15 materials that describe the nature and risk of concussions and  
16 head injuries, including the advisability of removal of players

1 that exhibit signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a  
2 concussion, such as a loss of consciousness, a headache,  
3 dizziness, confusion, or balance problems, from participating  
4 in a youth-sponsored sports activity sponsored or sanctioned by  
5 the youth sports league.

6 These educational materials may include materials produced  
7 or distributed by the Illinois High School Association, those  
8 produced by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and  
9 Prevention, or other comparable materials. The intent of these  
10 materials is to assist in educating coaches, game officials,  
11 and players and parents, guardians, and other persons with  
12 legal authority to make medical decisions for players about the  
13 nature and risks of head injuries.

14 (Source: P.A. 99-245, eff. 8-3-15.)

15 (410 ILCS 145/25 new)

16 Sec. 25. Coach education. A coach shall annually receive  
17 first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and automated  
18 external defibrillator certification from a nationally  
19 recognized program.

20 (410 ILCS 145/30 new)

21 Sec. 30. Youth tackle football.

22 (a) In this Section:

23 "EMS personnel" has the same meaning as defined under  
24 Section 3.5 of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems

1 Act.

2 "Full-contact portion" means the period of time in drills  
3 or live action that involves contact at game speed.

4 "Full-contact practice" means a session where one or more  
5 drills or live action is conducted that involves contact at  
6 game speed, as in an actual tackle football game or scrimmage.

7 "Full-contact practice" includes, but is not limited to,  
8 simulations or drills that involve any number of players.

9 "Off-season" means a period extending from the end of the  
10 regular season until 30 days before the commencement of the  
11 next regular season.

12 "Preseason" means a period of 30 days before the  
13 commencement of the regular season.

14 "Regular season" means the period from the first league  
15 football game or scrimmage until the completion of the final  
16 football game of that season.

17 "Safety equipment" includes, but is not limited to, all of  
18 the following:

19 (1) A helmet and its associated parts, including, but  
20 not limited to, a face mask and mouth guard.

21 (2) Hip, knee, and shoulder pads.

22 (3) A jersey.

23 (4) A tailbone protector.

24 (5) Pants and thigh guards.

25 (6) Shoes, including, but not limited to, cleats.

26 "Youth tackle football team" means a youth tackle football

1 team within a youth sports league.

2 (b) A youth sports league that conducts a tackle football  
3 program shall comply with all of the following requirements:

4 (1) A youth tackle football team shall not conduct more  
5 than 2 full-contact practices per week during the preseason  
6 and regular season.

7 (2) A youth tackle football team shall not hold a  
8 full-contact practice during the off-season.

9 (3) The full-contact portion of any practice shall not  
10 exceed 30 minutes in any single day.

11 (4) A coach shall annually receive a tackling and  
12 blocking certification from a nationally recognized  
13 program that emphasizes shoulder tackling, safe contact  
14 and blocking drills, and techniques designed to minimize  
15 the risk during contact by removing the involvement of a  
16 youth tackle football team player's head from all tackling  
17 and blocking techniques.

18 (5) A minimum of one EMS personnel must be present  
19 during all preseason, regular season, and off-season  
20 games.

21 (6) The coach and administrator of a youth tackle  
22 football team must successfully complete the education  
23 offered under paragraph (1) of subsection (c) at least  
24 once, either online or in person, before supervising a  
25 youth tackle football team player.

26 (7) Safety equipment shall be inspected before every

1 full-contact practice or game to ensure that all youth  
2 tackle football team players are properly equipped.

3 (8) Each youth tackle football team player shall  
4 complete a minimum of 10 hours of noncontact practice at  
5 the beginning of each season for the purpose of  
6 conditioning, acclimating to safety equipment, and  
7 progressing to the introduction of full-contact practice.  
8 During noncontact practice, a youth tackle football player  
9 shall not wear any pads and shall only wear a helmet if  
10 required to do so by the player's coach.

11 (c) A youth sports league shall comply with all of the  
12 following requirements:

13 (1) Offer concussion and head injury education, or  
14 related educational materials, to each coach and  
15 administrator of a youth tackle football team.

16 (2) Annually provide a declaration to its youth tackle  
17 football teams stating that the youth sports league is in  
18 compliance with this Section, and shall either post the  
19 declaration on its website or provide the declaration to  
20 all of its youth tackle football team players.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
22 1, 2021."