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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1205

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1205 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Football Practice Hitting Limitation Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions.

7 "Football program" means the organized football program of
8 a public or non-public elementary or secondary school or
9 organized youth football league.

10 "Full-contact hitting practice" means full-pad (helmet,
11 shoulder pads, padded pants, and cleats), full-speed, football
12 practice that involves tackling to the ground.

13 Section 10. Full-contact hitting practice limitation.
14 Beginning May 31, 2014, the coach of a football program shall
15 limit full-contact hitting practice to the following:

1 (1) During the regular season, full-contact hitting
2 practice is limited to a maximum of 2 days a week.

3 (2) During the pre-season, full-contact hitting
4 practice is at the discretion of the coach.

5 (3) During the off-season and during summer camp,
6 full-contact hitting practice is prohibited.

7 Section 15. Online concussion training program.

8 (a) A coach of a football program must complete a
9 certified, online concussion training program on or before May
10 31, 2014. The training program shall include at least one of
11 the following:

12 (1) A program provided by the Heads Up: Concussion in
13 Youth Sports initiative of the Centers for Disease Control
14 and Prevention National Center for Injury Prevention and
15 Control.

16 (2) A program provided by the National Federation of
17 State High School Associations.

18 (b) The training program required under subsection (a) of
19 this Section shall include details about the following:

20 (1) Efforts to reduce full-contact hitting practice.

21 (2) The long-term effects of repetitive hits to the
22 head and recurrent concussions.

23 (3) Training techniques to protect youth athletes from
24 brain injury.

25 (c) On or before December 31, 2013, the Illinois High

1 School Association's Football Advisory Committee and Sports
2 Medicine Advisory Committee shall work together to create a
3 supplemental, online training program designed to prevent
4 concussive and subconcussive brain injuries. This program
5 shall be considered a certified, online concussion training
6 program for the purposes of subsection (a) of this Section.

7 (d) This Section is repealed on June 1, 2014.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.".