
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2731

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By House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Irwin, Doglio, Davis, Pollet, and Leavitt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting of student head injury information
2 sustained during athletics and other activities; adding a new section
3 to chapter 28A.600 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70
4 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, public schools must
9 annually report information about each head injury sustained by a
10 student during athletic and other activities using a procedure
11 developed by the department of health under section 2 of this act.

12 (2) At a minimum, the following information must be reported:
13 Student's grade and gender, whether the student had a previous
14 concussion, the head injury event date and location, the type and
15 level of activity that the student was participating in at the time
16 of the event, whether it was a practice or competition, any known
17 cause of the head injury event, when during the activity the injury
18 occurred, whether protective equipment was worn on the injured
19 student's head at the time of the event, the type of surface on which
20 the head injury event occurred, who initially examined the student at
21 the time of the event, whether the student was removed from the

1 activity at the time of the event, and follow-up information related
2 to whether the student was determined to have a concussion and
3 whether the student was given a written authorization to return to
4 the activity by the end of the season in which the event occurred.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department must develop a procedure to, beginning in the
8 2020-21 school year, collect the student head injury information
9 described in section 1 of this act.

10 (2) Beginning October 1, 2021, by October 1st annually
11 thereafter, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the department
12 shall report a summary of the student head injury information
13 received in the prior school year to the appropriate committees of
14 the legislature and the office of the superintendent of public
15 instruction. The report must include rates, patterns, trends, and
16 other relevant information.

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