

SB3757



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/5/2026, by Sen. Sue Rezin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 25/1.22 new

Amends the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Provides that the Illinois High School Association and the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association, and the National Institutes of Health, may develop and implement eligibility standards for public and nonpublic schools and institutions of higher education to obtain a Safe Sports School Seal. Sets forth standards to receive the Safe Sports School Seal, and provides for application. Grants rulemaking authority to the State Board of Education. Effective July 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act
5 is amended by adding Section 1.22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 25/1.22 new)

7 Sec. 1.22. Safe Sports School Seal.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Chronic traumatic encephalopathy" or "CTE" means a
10 disease that has degenerative effects on the brains of people
11 who have experienced head trauma either once or multiple times
12 and causes many symptoms in people experiencing CTE,
13 including, but not limited to, memory loss, impulsive
14 behavior, emotional instability, and trouble with common motor
15 functions.

16 "School" means a public or nonpublic elementary or
17 secondary school in this State or a public or nonpublic
18 institution of higher education in this State.

19 (b) The Illinois High School Association and the State
20 Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of
21 Public Health, the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association, and
22 the National Institutes of Health, may develop and implement
23 eligibility standards for schools to obtain a Safe Sports

1 School Seal. Standards for eligible schools to receive the
2 Safe Sports School Seal shall require a school to, without
3 limitation:

4 (1) include concussion awareness in parent and student
5 handbooks;

6 (2) provide annual coach and staff training on chronic
7 traumatic encephalopathy and concussions;

8 (3) maintain return-to-learn and return-to-play
9 protocols for students and student athletes who have been
10 diagnosed with a concussion; and

11 (4) host at least one community awareness event each
12 year on CTE and concussions.

13 (c) The Safe Sports School Seal shall be given to eligible
14 schools by the Illinois High School Association. In order to
15 receive the Safe Sports School Seal, a school shall send an
16 application created by the Illinois High School Association to
17 the Illinois High School Association that contains evidence
18 that the school has satisfied all of the requirements under
19 this Section.

20 (d) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as
21 necessary to implement this Section.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
23 2026.