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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3410

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 3410 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by renumbering and  
5 changing Sections 10-20.53 and 34-18.45 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.54)

7 Sec. 10-20.54 ~~10-20.53~~. Student athletes; concussions and  
8 head injuries.

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes all of the following:

10 (1) Concussions are one of the most commonly reported  
11 injuries in children and adolescents who participate in  
12 sports and recreational activities. The Centers for  
13 Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as  
14 3,900,000 sports-related and recreation-related  
15 concussions occur in the United States each year. A  
16 concussion is caused by a blow or motion to the head or

1 body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the  
2 skull. The risk of catastrophic injuries or death are  
3 significant when a concussion or head injury is not  
4 properly evaluated and managed.

5 (2) Concussions are a type of brain injury that can  
6 range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain  
7 normally works. Concussions can occur in any organized or  
8 unorganized sport or recreational activity and can result  
9 from a fall or from players colliding with each other, the  
10 ground, or with obstacles. Concussions occur with or  
11 without loss of consciousness, but the vast majority of  
12 concussions occur without loss of consciousness.

13 (3) Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms of  
14 a head injury leaves a young athlete especially vulnerable  
15 to greater injury and even death. The General Assembly  
16 recognizes that, despite having generally recognized  
17 return-to-play standards for concussions and head  
18 injuries, some affected youth athletes are prematurely  
19 returned to play, resulting in actual or potential physical  
20 injury or death to youth athletes in this State.

21 (b) Each school board shall adopt a policy regarding  
22 student athlete concussions and head injuries that is in  
23 compliance with the protocols, policies, and by-laws of the  
24 Illinois High School Association, which state that any athlete  
25 who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a  
26 concussion shall be immediately removed from the contest and

1 shall not return to play until cleared by a physician licensed  
2 to practice medicine in all its branches in this State or a  
3 certified athletic trainer working in conjunction with a  
4 physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in  
5 this State.

6 Information on the school board's concussion and head  
7 injury policy must be a part of any agreement, contract, code,  
8 or other written instrument that a school district requires a  
9 student athlete and his or her parents or guardian to sign  
10 before participating in practice or interscholastic  
11 competition.

12 (c) The Illinois High School Association shall make  
13 available to all school districts, including elementary school  
14 districts, education materials, such as visual presentations  
15 and other written materials, that describe the nature and risk  
16 of concussions and head injuries. Each school district shall  
17 use education materials provided by the Illinois High School  
18 Association to educate coaches, student athletes, and parents  
19 and guardians of student athletes about the nature and risk of  
20 concussions and head injuries, including continuing play after  
21 a concussion or head injury.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-204, eff. 7-28-11; revised 10-7-11.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.46)

24 Sec. 34-18.46 ~~34-18.45~~. Student athletes; concussions and  
25 head injuries.

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3 injuries in children and adolescents who participate in  
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5 Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as  
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9 body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the  
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23 to greater injury and even death. The General Assembly  
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25 return-to-play standards for concussions and head  
26 injuries, some affected youth athletes are prematurely

1 returned to play, resulting in actual or potential physical  
2 injury or death to youth athletes in this State.

3 (b) The board shall adopt a policy regarding student  
4 athlete concussions and head injuries that is in compliance  
5 with the protocols, policies, and by-laws of the Illinois High  
6 School Association, which state that any athlete who exhibits  
7 signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion  
8 shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not  
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18 before participating in practice or interscholastic  
19 competition.

20 (c) The Illinois High School Association shall make  
21 available to the school district education materials, such as  
22 visual presentations and other written materials, that  
23 describe the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries.  
24 The school district shall use education materials provided by  
25 the Illinois High School Association to educate coaches,  
26 student athletes, and parents and guardians of student athletes

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