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[HR 58](#) (BR 941) - [J. Jenkins](#), [D. Graham](#), [R. Smart](#)

Encourage parents, coaches, and sports officials involved in non-scholastic sports to complete training materials on recognition of the symptoms of a concussion and the protocols for return to play.

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A RESOLUTION promoting concussion awareness in non-scholastic youth sports.

WHEREAS, a concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck, or elsewhere on the body with an impulsive force transmitted to the head; and

WHEREAS, many youth athletes participate in community sports activities which are not sponsored by or under the supervision of schools; and

WHEREAS, parents, coaches, and sports officials need accurate information to aid in the recognition of symptoms young athletes may exhibit if they have suffered a concussion; and

WHEREAS, a young athlete suspected of exhibiting the symptoms of a concussion by a parent, a coach, or sports official during practice or competition should be removed from play immediately and not allowed to return until the athlete is adequately evaluated to determine if a concussion has occurred; and

WHEREAS, evaluation should be completed by a certified athletic trainer, advanced practice registered nurse, physician, or physician's assistant licensed to practice in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the suspected injured athlete should not be allowed to participate in any subsequent practice or competition without written clearance provided by a physician; and

WHEREAS, coaches and athletic officials should document that they have become familiar with the best medical practices regarding the recognition of possible concussions and the recommended protocol for the return to play of an athlete suspected of suffering a concussion; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and Norton Healthcare have agreed to provide Web sites for parents, coaches, and sports officials to both review and to validate their review of an educational document containing the best practices for recognizing a possible concussion and return to play protocols; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and Norton Healthcare Web sites will make available a free concussion recognition training video by the Kentucky Medical Society and individuals will be able to print a certificate verifying completion of the training video; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and Norton Healthcare Web sites will contain an accessible data bank that will list the names of those who have successfully completed the video and related training materials;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize and honor the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Norton Healthcare, and the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky for their advocacy for the young athletes of the Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. The House of Representatives does hereby encourage parents, coaches, and sports officials involved in non-scholastic sports to complete the training materials provided by either the Kentucky High School Athletic Association or Norton Healthcare on recognition of the symptoms of a concussion and the protocols for return to play.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this Resolution to Julian Tackett, Commissioner, Kentucky High School Athletic Association, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40505; Chell Austin, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky, 7410 New LaGrange Road, Suite 100, Louisville, Kentucky 40222; and Stephen Williams, President, Norton Healthcare, P. O. Box 35070, Louisville, Kentucky 40232-5070.