



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7004

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSION EDUCATION FOR COACHES
OF YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 21a-432 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Youth athletic activity" means an organized athletic activity
5 involving participants of not less than seven years of age and not more
6 than nineteen years of age, who (A) (i) engage in an organized athletic
7 game or competition against another team, club or entity or in practice
8 or preparation for an organized game or competition against another
9 team, club or entity, or (ii) attend an organized athletic camp or clinic
10 the purpose of which is to train, instruct or prepare such participants
11 to engage in an organized athletic game or competition, and (B) (i) pay
12 a fee to participate in such organized athletic game or competition or
13 attend such camp or clinic, or (ii) whose cost to participate in such
14 athletic game or competition or attend such camp or clinic is
15 sponsored by a municipality, business or nonprofit organization.
16 "Youth athletic activity" does not include any college or university
17 athletic activity, or an athletic activity that is incidental to a nonathletic
18 program or lesson; [and]

19 (2) "Youth coach" means any person who volunteers or is paid to
20 serve as a head coach, manager or instructor, or an assistant coach,
21 assistant manager or assistant instructor of a youth athletic activity
22 conducted on a field, court or other recreational area owned, operated
23 or managed by a municipality. "Youth coach" does not include any
24 person who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of
25 Education;

26 [(2)] (3) "Operator" means any municipality, business or nonprofit
27 organization that conducts, coordinates, organizes or otherwise
28 oversees any youth athletic activity but shall not include any
29 municipality, business or nonprofit organization solely providing
30 access to, or use of, any field, court or other recreational area, whether
31 for compensation or not; and

32 (4) "Concussion training course" means the concussion course for
33 youth sports coaches available on the Internet web site of the National
34 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

35 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, each
36 operator of a youth athletic activity shall make available a written or
37 electronic statement regarding concussions to each youth athlete and a
38 parent or legal guardian of each youth athlete participating in the
39 youth athletic activity. Such written or electronic statement shall be
40 made available upon registration of each youth athlete and shall be
41 consistent with the most recent information provided by the National
42 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding concussions.
43 Such written or electronic statement shall include educational content
44 addressing, at a minimum: (1) The recognition of signs or symptoms of
45 a concussion, (2) the means of obtaining proper medical treatment for a
46 person suspected of sustaining a concussion, (3) the nature and risks of
47 concussions, including the danger of continuing to engage in youth
48 athletic activity after sustaining a concussion, and (4) the proper
49 procedures for allowing a youth athlete who has sustained a
50 concussion to return to athletic activity.

51 (c) Any person who volunteered or was hired to be a youth coach
52 on or before the effective date of this section shall complete a
53 concussion training course not later than December 31, 2019. Any
54 person who volunteers or is hired to be a youth coach after July 1,
55 2019, shall complete a concussion training course not later than thirty
56 days after such youth coach began volunteering or was hired.

57 [(c)] (d) (1) No operator, or designee of such operator, shall be
58 subject to civil liability for failing to make available the written or
59 electronic statement regarding concussions pursuant to subsection (b)
60 of this section.

61 (2) No youth coach or operator shall be subject to civil liability due
62 to the failure of a youth coach to complete a concussion training course
63 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	21a-432

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