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HOUSE BILL NO. 300

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student athlete head injuries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 167.765, to read as follows:

167.765. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known as the "High School Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act". No later than December 31, 2011, the school board of each school district shall work in concert with the Missouri State High School Activities Association to develop guidelines, pertinent information, and forms to educate coaches, youth athletes, and the parents or guardians of youth athletes of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury including continuing to play after concussion or head injury.

2. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed by the athlete's parent or guardian and submitted prior to the youth athlete's initiating practice or competition.

3. A youth athlete who is suspected for sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time.

4. A youth athlete who has been removed from play shall not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion, as defined by the Missouri State High School Activities Association in consultation with the department of mental health, and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. The health care provider may be a volunteer. A volunteer who authorizes a youth athlete to return to play is not liable

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **for civil damages resulting from any act or omission in the rendering of such care, other**
19 **than acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.**

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