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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 200

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 200 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Protecting
5 Our Student Athletes Act.

6 Section 3. The Park District Code is amended by adding
7 Section 8-24 as follows:

8 (70 ILCS 1205/8-24 new)

9 Sec. 8-24. Concussion and head injury educational
10 materials. In addition to the other powers and authority now
11 possessed by it, any park district is authorized and encouraged
12 to make available to residents and users of park district
13 facilities, including youth athletic programs, electronically
14 or in written form, educational materials that describe the
15 nature and risk of concussion and head injuries, including the

1 advisability of removal of youth athletes that exhibit signs,
2 symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, such as a
3 loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or
4 balance problems, from a practice or game. These educational
5 materials may include materials produced or distributed by the
6 Illinois High School Association, those produced by the U.S.
7 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or other comparable
8 materials. The intent of these materials is to assist in
9 educating coaches, youth athletes, and parents and guardians of
10 youth athletes about the nature and risks of head injuries.

11 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
12 10-20.53 and 34-18.45 as follows:

13 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.53 new)

14 Sec. 10-20.53. Student athletes; concussions and head
15 injuries.

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

17 (1) Concussions are one of the most commonly reported
18 injuries in children and adolescents who participate in
19 sports and recreational activities. The Centers for
20 Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as
21 3,900,000 sports-related and recreation-related
22 concussions occur in the United States each year. A
23 concussion is caused by a blow or motion to the head or
24 body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the

1 skull. The risk of catastrophic injuries or death are
2 significant when a concussion or head injury is not
3 properly evaluated and managed.

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

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

20 (b) Each school board shall adopt a policy regarding
21 student athlete concussions and head injuries that is in
22 compliance with the protocols, policies, and by-laws of the
23 Illinois High School Association. Information on the school
24 board's concussion and head injury policy must be a part of any
25 agreement, contract, code, or other written instrument that a
26 school district requires a student athlete and his or her

1 parents or guardian to sign before participating in practice or
2 interscholastic competition.

3 (c) The Illinois High School Association shall make
4 available to all school districts, including elementary school
5 districts, education materials, such as visual presentations
6 and other written materials, that describe the nature and risk
7 of concussions and head injuries. Each school district shall
8 use education materials provided by the Illinois High School
9 Association to educate coaches, student athletes, and parents
10 and guardians of student athletes about the nature and risk of
11 concussions and head injuries, including continuing play after
12 a concussion or head injury.

13 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.45 new)

14 Sec. 34-18.45. Student athletes; concussions and head
15 injuries.

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

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18 injuries in children and adolescents who participate in
19 sports and recreational activities. The Centers for
20 Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as
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22 concussions occur in the United States each year. A
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9 without loss of consciousness, but the vast majority of
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11 (3) Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms of
12 a head injury leaves a young athlete especially vulnerable
13 to greater injury and even death. The General Assembly
14 recognizes that, despite having generally recognized
15 return-to-play standards for concussions and head
16 injuries, some affected youth athletes are prematurely
17 returned to play, resulting in actual or potential physical
18 injury or death to youth athletes in this State.

19 (b) The board shall adopt a policy regarding student
20 athlete concussions and head injuries that is in compliance
21 with the protocols, policies, and by-laws of the Illinois High
22 School Association. Information on the board's concussion and
23 head injury policy must be a part of any agreement, contract,
24 code, or other written instrument that the school district
25 requires a student athlete and his or her parents or guardian
26 to sign before participating in practice or interscholastic

1 competition.

2 (c) The Illinois High School Association shall make
3 available to the school district education materials, such as
4 visual presentations and other written materials, that
5 describe the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries.
6 The school district shall use education materials provided by
7 the Illinois High School Association to educate coaches,
8 student athletes, and parents and guardians of student athletes
9 about the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries,
10 including continuing play after a concussion or head injury.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
12 2011.".