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Assembly, No. 1825 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning protective eyewear for children participating in
2 sports and supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 ¹1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. Eye injuries are the leading cause of preventable blindness
10 and visual impairment in children, and most injuries occurring in
11 school-aged children are sports-related;

12 b. Every 16 minutes a child incurs a sports-related eye injury
13 severe enough to require a visit to the emergency room;

14 c. According to Prevent Blindness America, 90% of all eye
15 injuries can be avoided by the use of appropriate eye protection;
16 and

17 d. It is necessary and prudent to educate parents and children
18 about sports-related eye injuries in order to reduce the needless loss
19 of sight that can occur during sports activities.¹

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21 ¹**[1.]** 2.¹ a. The Commissioner of Education ¹**[**, in
22 consultation with the Commissioner of Health,¹**]** shall develop ¹**[**by
23 the 2013-2014 school year¹**]** within 120 days of the effective date of
24 this act¹, an educational fact sheet that provides information about
25 sports-related eye injuries. The educational fact sheet shall include,
26 but need not be limited to:

27 (1) a list of the most common sports-related eye injuries and the
28 recognition of the symptoms of those injuries;

29 (2) a recommendation that children seek treatment and advice
30 from a licensed health care professional regarding the appropriate
31 amount of time to delay the return to sports competition or practice
32 after sustaining an eye injury;

33 (3) a recommendation that all children participating in school
34 sports or recreational sports wear protective eyewear;

35 (4) information concerning the purchase of appropriate
36 protective eyewear; and

37 (5) any other information the commissioner deems appropriate.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted September 12, 2013.

1 b. Each school district and nonpublic school shall distribute the
2 educational fact sheet annually to the parents or guardians of the
3 students.

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5 ¹[2. a. As used in this section, a “youth sports team organization”
6 means one or more sports teams organized pursuant to a nonprofit
7 or similar charter or which are member teams in a league organized
8 by or affiliated with a county or municipal recreation department.

9 b. A youth sports team organization shall request from the
10 Department of Education a copy of the educational fact sheet
11 developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
12 before the Legislature as this bill) for distribution to the parents or
13 guardians of children who participate on the youth sports team. The
14 organization shall obtain a signed acknowledgment of the receipt of
15 the fact sheet by the child and his parent or guardian.]¹

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 Requires DOE to develop educational fact sheet for distribution
to parents concerning sports-related eye injuries.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1825

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblywoman CONNIE WAGNER

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Diegnan

SYNOPSIS

Requires DOE to develop educational fact sheet for distribution to parents concerning sports-related eye injuries.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/20/2012)

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44 **STATEMENT**

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46 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation
47 with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, to develop

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1825

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2012

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1825.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, to develop by the 2013-2014 school year, an educational fact sheet that provides information about sports-related eye injuries.

The bill provides as follows:

- The fact sheet is to include, but not be limited to:
 - a list of the most common sports-related eye injuries and the recognition of the symptoms of those injuries;
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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1825

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1825 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Commissioner of Education to develop, within 120 days of the bill's effective date, an educational fact sheet that provides information about sports-related eye injuries. Each school district and nonpublic school is to distribute the fact sheet annually to the parents or guardians of the students.

The fact sheet is to include, but not be limited to:

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- any other information the commissioner deems appropriate.

The committee amended the bill to: (1) add a section containing legislative findings and declarations; (2) remove the requirement that the Commissioner of Education develop the fact sheet in consultation with the Commissioner of Health; and (3) remove the requirement that a youth sports team organization request a copy of the fact sheet from the Department of Education for distribution to the parents of children who participate on the youth sports team. The committee also amended the bill to provide that the fact sheet must be developed by the commissioner within 120 days of the bill's effective date.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2093 with Senate committee amendments, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE, No. 2093

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 21, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2093

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2093 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Commissioner of Education to develop, within 120 days of the bill's effective date, an educational fact sheet that provides information about sports-related eye injuries. Each school district and nonpublic school is to distribute the fact sheet annually to the parents or guardians of the students.

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