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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 105, *approved July 13, 2017*
Senate, No. 2348

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2 c.94.

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23 sustained a concussion or other head injury.

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35 receipt of the fact sheet by the student-athlete or cheerleader and his
36 parent or guardian.

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39 in this State who is a participant in an interscholastic sports
40 program or intramural sports program organized by the school.
41 (cf: P.L.2011, c.168, s.1)

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Includes students who participate in school intramural sports programs in the student-athlete head injury safety program.

SENATE, No. 2348

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 9, 2016

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2 other head injury while engaged in a competition or practice shall
3 be immediately removed from the competition or practice. A
4 student-athlete or cheerleader who is removed from competition or
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8 concussions, and receives written clearance from a physician
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10 to competition or practice.

11 (cf: P.L.2011, c.168, s.3)

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13 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of
14 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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19 Under current law, the Department of Education was required to
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40 coaches of intramural sports programs must also complete the
41 safety training program.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2348

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2017

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2348.

This bill amends current law to include students participating in intramural sports programs organized by a public or nonpublic school, in the head injury safety program that is required for students who participate in interscholastic sports programs.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3799

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INTRODUCED MAY 23, 2016

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3799

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3799.

This bill amends current law, P.L.2012, c.94 (C.18A:40-41.1et seq.), to include students participating in intramural sports programs organized by a public or nonpublic school, in the head injury safety program that is required for students who participate in interscholastic sports programs.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3799

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 15, 2016

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3799.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note.

Governor Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today announced that he has taken action on the following pending legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-1451/A-3856 (Ruiz, Allen/Holley, McKnight, Singleton) - Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions available on website

S-2059/A-3769 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji) - Requires DOH to ensure that fetal death certification and reporting requirements are consistent with current federal standards

S-2348/A-3799 (Ruiz, Diegnan/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Muoio, Oliver, Mosquera, DiMaio, McKnight, Mukherji) - Includes students who participate in school intramural sports programs in the student-athlete head injury safety program

S-2492/A-4091 (Gordon, O'Toole/Eustace, Chiaravalloti, Mukherji, Benson, Jasey) - Enhances resident voting participation rights in common interest communities

S-2878/A-4523 (Vitale, Codey/Schaer, Singleton, Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin) - Requires DOH to permit certain health care facilities to use shared clinical space when providing primary health care and behavioral health care for mild to moderate behavioral health conditions

SJR-50/AJR-69 (Weinberg, Gordon/DiMaio, Pinkin, Quijano) - Designates April as "Genocide Awareness Month"

SJR-62/AJR-96 (Codey/Eustace, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji, Jones, Downey, Rooney) - Designates month of May of each year as "Mental Health Awareness Month"

A-374/S-2462 (Auth, Prieto, Schepisi, Jimenez, Mukherji/Sacco, Cruz-Perez) - Prohibits MVC from imposing duplicate license or identification card fee and digitized picture fee if duplicate is requested to reflect change in organ donor status

A-2181/S-2809 (Caride, Schaer/Sarlo) - Prohibits NJTA from requiring county guarantee to provide maintenance of pedestrian bridge under certain circumstances when determining approval for construction of pedestrian bridge

A-2690/S-1944 (Johnson, Rible, Dancer, O'Scanlon, Space, Phoebus/Cardinale, Van Drew) - Expands list of retired law enforcement officers eligible to carry handgun

A-4334/S-2724 (Conaway, Pinkin/Codey, Vitale) - Requires alternative payment models to register with DOH; permits health care practitioners to refer patients to health care service in which the practitioner has beneficial interest when related to alternative payment model

A-4350/S-2914 (Eustace, Karabinchak/Greenstein) - Precludes DEP from imposing certain certification requirements on installers of individual subsurface sewage disposal systems

A-4583/S-2991 (Zwicker, Conaway, Land, Downey, Houghtaling/Turner, T. Kean) - Appropriates \$2,988,859 from 2009 Historic Preservation Fund and constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to provide capital preservation grants for certain historic preservation projects

AJR-27/SJR-59 (Muio, Gusciora, Benson, Eustace, Pinkin, Sumter, Mukherji/Turner) - Designates May of each year as "Asthma Awareness Month"

BILLS VETOED:

S-587/A-2937 (Cunningham/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – ABSOLUTE - Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

S-677/A-3677 (Rice, Turner/Wimberly, Singleton, Holley, Tucker, Sumter, Quijano) – CONDITIONAL - Requires racial and ethnic impact statement for certain bills and regulations affecting sentencing

S-806/A-2463 (Weinberg, Gordon/Eustace, Vainieri Huttie, Caride, Muio, Lagana, Lampitt, Mukherji) – CONDITIONAL - Requires owner or operator of certain trains to have discharge response, cleanup, and contingency plans to transport certain hazardous materials by rail; requires NJ DOT to request bridge inspection reports from US DOT

S-3006/A-4589 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Quijano, Wisniewski, Johnson, Mukherji) – ABSOLUTE - Prohibits PANYNJ from providing assistance for enforcement of March 6, 2017 US Executive Order banning entry into US of individuals from certain countries

A-1855/S-3123 (Wimberly, Prieto, Oliver, Sumter/Cruz-Perez, Cunningham) – CONDITIONAL - Concerns outreach and training for minorities and women in the construction industry

A-4701/S-3059 (Eustace, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttie, Gusciora, Kennedy, Benson, Jasey/Sweeney, Smith) – ABSOLUTE - Requires State full participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

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