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**SENATE BILL 26-060**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Pelton R. and Daugherty,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**  
Health & Human Services

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH ATHLETE MENTAL HEALTH**  
102 **TRAINING, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING**  
103 **MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES AND**  
104 **REQUIRING THE COACHES TO NOTIFY PARENTS OF POSSIBLE**  
105 **MENTAL HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CONCUSSIONS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires a coach of an organized youth athletic activity to take an annual mental health education course and inform parents or

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*



1 (b) EACH PRIVATE CLUB OR PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY AND  
2 EACH ATHLETIC LEAGUE THAT SPONSORS YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES  
3 SHALL REQUIRE EACH COACH WITH WHOM A CLUB, FACILITY, OR LEAGUE  
4 DIRECTLY CONTRACTS WITH, FORMALLY ENGAGES, OR EMPLOYS TO COACH  
5 A YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITY TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH  
6 EDUCATION COURSE.

7 (2) (a) THE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION COURSE REQUIRED BY  
8 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION  
9 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

10 (I) A COACH'S IMPACT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF YOUTH  
11 ATHLETES;

12 (II) A WELLNESS FRAMEWORK FOR YOUTH ATHLETES;

13 (III) STRESS, ANXIETY DISORDERS, AND DEPRESSION;

14 (IV) TRAUMA;

15 (V) SUBSTANCE ABUSE; AND

16 (VI) SUICIDE PREVENTION.

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18 (b) THE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION COURSE MAY BE HELD IN  
19 CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONCUSSION RECOGNITION EDUCATION COURSE  
20 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-43-103 (1)(a).

21 (c) AN ORGANIZATION OR ASSOCIATION THAT A SCHOOL OR  
22 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A MEMBER OF MAY DESIGNATE SPECIFIC EDUCATION  
23 COURSES AS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN  
24 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

25 (3) IF A YOUTH ATHLETE IS REMOVED FROM PLAY FOR A  
26 SUSPECTED CONCUSSION, THE YOUTH ATHLETE'S COACH OR THE CLUB'S,  
27 LEAGUE'S, OR PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITY'S OTHER DESIGNATED

1 PERSONNEL SHALL NOTIFY THE ATHLETE'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  
2 AND ADVISE THAT THE ATHLETE SEEK EVALUATION FROM A LICENSED  
3 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER FOR APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL  
4 HEALTH GUIDANCE REGARDING POTENTIAL PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE, OR  
5 PSYCHOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH A CONCUSSION.

6 (4) NOTHING IN THIS PART 2 ABROGATES OR LIMITS THE  
7 PROTECTIONS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC ENTITIES AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
8 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY  
9 ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 24; VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS AND  
10 NONPROFIT DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND TRUSTEES DESCRIBED PURSUANT  
11 TO SECTIONS 13-21-115.7 AND 13-21-116; OR SKI AREA OPERATORS  
12 PROTECTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 33-44-112 AND 33-44-113.

13 (5) AN ATHLETIC COACH OF A YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITY WHO  
14 ACTS IN GOOD FAITH TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART  
15 2 IS NOT SUBJECT TO CIVIL LIABILITY FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION RELATED  
16 TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 2 UNLESS THE ACT OR OMISSION  
17 CONSTITUTES GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-43-101 as  
19 follows:

20 **25-43-101. Short title.**

21 This ~~article~~ PART 1 shall be known and may be cited as the "Jake  
22 Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act".

23 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-43-102, **amend**  
24 the introductory portion as follows:

25 **25-43-102. Definitions.**

26 As used in this ~~article~~ 43 PART 1, unless the context otherwise  
27 requires:

1           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-43-103, **amend**  
2 (2)(a) introductory portion, (2)(a)(II), (2)(a)(III), and (5); and **add**  
3 (2)(a)(IV) as follows:

4           **25-43-103. Organized school athletic activities - concussion**  
5 **guidelines required.**

6           (2) (a) The concussion recognition education course required by  
7 subsection (1) of this section ~~shall~~ **MUST** include the following:

8           (II) The necessity of obtaining proper medical attention for a  
9 person suspected of having a concussion; ~~and~~

10           (III) Information on the nature and risk of concussions, including  
11 the danger of continuing to play after sustaining a concussion and the  
12 proper method of allowing a youth athlete who has sustained a concussion  
13 to return to athletic activity; **AND**

14           (IV) **INFORMATION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONCUSSIONS**  
15 **AND MENTAL HEALTH AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON THE MENTAL HEALTH**  
16 **OF A YOUTH ATHLETE WHO HAS SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION.**

17           (5) Nothing in this ~~article~~ **PART 1** abrogates or limits the  
18 protections applicable to public entities and public employees pursuant to  
19 the "Colorado Governmental Immunity Act", article 10 of title 24; ~~C.R.S.~~;  
20 volunteers and board members pursuant to sections 13-21-115.7 and  
21 13-21-116; ~~C.R.S.~~; or ski area operators pursuant to sections 33-44-112  
22 and 33-44-113. ~~C.R.S.~~

23           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
26 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
27 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

1 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
2 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
4 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.