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SENATE BILL 26-060

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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.**

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

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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March 18, 2026

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 17, 2026

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 A BIENNIAL 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 IS
14 NOT ENTITLED TO ANY OF THE PROTECTIONS PRESERVED IN SUBSECTION
15 (4) OF THIS SECTION AND WHO ACTS IN GOOD FAITH TO COMPLY WITH THE
16 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 2 IS NOT SUBJECT TO CIVIL LIABILITY FOR
17 ANY ACT OR OMISSION RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART
18 2 UNLESS THE ACT OR OMISSION CONSTITUTES GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR
19 WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT.

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

22 **25-43-101. Short title.**

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


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

27 **25-43-102. Definitions.**

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

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-43-103, **amend**
4 **(5)** as follows:

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

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8 (5) Nothing in this ~~article~~ PART 1 abrogates or limits the
9 protections applicable to public entities and public employees pursuant to
10 the "Colorado Governmental Immunity Act", article 10 of title 24; ~~C.R.S.~~;
11 volunteers and board members pursuant to sections 13-21-115.7 and
12 13-21-116; ~~C.R.S.~~; or ski area operators pursuant to sections 33-44-112
13 and 33-44-113. ~~C.R.S.~~

14 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.