

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Spence; Sen. Newell **Bill Status:** Senate Health and Human Services
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COACH OF AN ORGANIZED YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FOLLOW CONCUSSION GUIDELINES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE "JAKE SNAKENBERG YOUTH CONCUSSION ACT".

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: January 1, 2012, unless a referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires that coaches with primary responsibility for a youth athletic activity in public and private middle schools, junior high and high schools, and private clubs or recreation facilities, be trained annually in concussion recognition. Coaches must remove youth athletes from participation in an athletic activity if they show signs of a concussion. The bill requires that youth athletes suspected of having a concussion receive written clearance from a licensed health care provider before returning to play. Volunteer coaches; members of boards of directors; or governing boards of a school district, private club, or recreational facility are provided immunity for civil damages for acts or omissions made in good faith while coaching a youth athletic activity.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase state agency workload but not to the extent to require an appropriation.

The Division of Youth Corrections in the Department of Human Services, operates 11 state-owned facilities. Each facility participates in sporting activities including intramural competitions. The division will be required to train division personnel in concussion recognition, but since the training is offered on-line, free-of-charge and takes less than 1 hour to complete, the impact is only for the coaches' time and can be accommodated with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

This bill is expected to have a minimal impact on local school districts, counties that operate recreation centers, and recreation districts. The Colorado High School Activities Association has already adopted these requirements for high school athletics. This bill extends the requirements to middle and junior high schools, and non-school-based youth athletic programs. The training is offered on-line, free-of-charge and takes less than 1 hour to complete, so the impact is only for the coaches' time.

Departments Contacted

Education