

Concussions in Youth Athletes - California



California

Governor Brown signed AB 25 into law on October 4, 2011, which can be found at sections 38131(6) and 49475 of the Education Code. (Cal. Educ. Code § 38131(6)).

This law provides that if a school district offers an athletic program, any athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion must be removed from the activity for the rest of the day. The student is not permitted to return to activity until cleared in writing by a health care professional. Parents/guardians of any student wishing to participate in an athletic activity are required to annually sign a concussion information sheet before the student can participate. This law also applies to recreational activities taking place on school owned grounds which are not sponsored or part of school run activities.

The official versions of sections 38131(6) and 49475 are currently available online at:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=edc&group=38001-39000&file=38130-38139>

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=edc&group=49001-50000&file=49470-49475>

The text of the bill can be viewed online at:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_25_bill_20110325_amended_asm_v97.html