



HOUSE BILL 928: Allow PTs in School Concussion Protocol.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 928 would allow physical therapists to perform the evaluation of middle and high school student athletes who have exhibited signs of a concussion before the students return to play or practice.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-407.57 requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding middle and high school athletics on the following:

- All coaches, school nurses, athletic directors, first responders, volunteers, students who participate in the athletic activities, and the parents of those students annually receive an information sheet on head injuries and concussions. The sheets must be signed and returned before participating in any athletic activity.
- When a student participating in an athletic activity exhibits signs or symptoms consistent with a concussion, the student must be removed from the activity and is not allowed to return to play or practice that day. The student cannot return to practice or play until the student is evaluated by and receives written clearance for participation from one of the following:
 - A physician with training in concussion management.
 - A neuropsychologist with training in concussion management and working with a licensed physician.
 - An athletic trainer.
 - A physician assistant, consistent with the scope of practice.
 - A nurse practitioner, consistent with the scope of practice.

Article 18E of Chapter 90 governs the practice of physical therapy and the licensure of physical therapists in the State.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 928 would add physical therapists licensed under Article 18E of Chapter 90 to the list of medical professionals approved to evaluate students who have exhibited signs of concussion and provide written clearance for the students to return to play or practice in the athletic activity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 928 would be effective when it becomes law.

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