



HOUSE BILL 79: Clarify HS Insurance.

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OVERVIEW: *The 3rd edition of HB 79 would do the following:*

- *Clarify that only public school units (PSUs) must purchase catastrophic insurance for high school athletics.*
- *Clarify that PSUs have the option to purchase catastrophic and accident insurance for high school athletics from the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner).*
- *Require the Commissioner to offer accident insurance as well as catastrophic insurance for students or school personnel participating in interscholastic athletic activities to PSUs.*

CURRENT LAW: Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, all high schools—public and private—that offer interscholastic athletic activities must purchase catastrophic insurance through the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner).

BILL ANALYSIS: The 3rd edition of HB 79 would clarify that only public school units (PSUs) participating in high school interscholastic athletics must purchase catastrophic insurance. PSUs would have the option to purchase catastrophic and accident insurance for high school athletics from the Commissioner.

HB 79 would also require the Commissioner to offer accident insurance as well as catastrophic insurance for students or school personnel participating in interscholastic athletic activities to PSUs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: HB 79 would be effective when it becomes law.

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