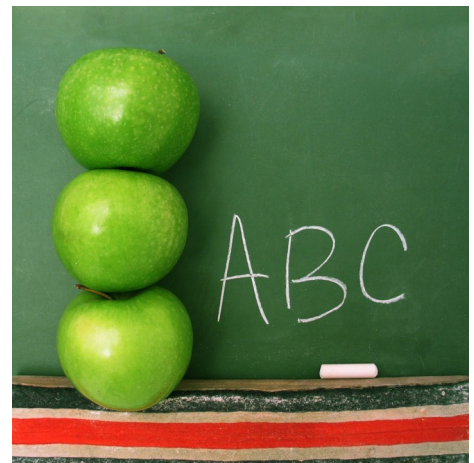


YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY ACT (Public Act 99-245)

Illinois enacts new concussion protocol requirements for athletes. Public Act 99-245 entitled the Illinois Youth Sports Safety Act establishes new requirements for schools relative to the actions to be taken by a school when a student has experienced or is exhibiting the symptomatology associated with a concussion. The Act creates the following new requirements:

- The development of specific return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols.
- Interscholastic activities at the middle school/junior high and high school are covered (practice and play), meaning school related activities generally outside of school under the direction of a coach/school staff.
- New consent/information forms.
- New procedures for removing a student from the activity, and for returning the student to active engagement.
- Training regarding management of concussions.
- Oversight teams regarding management of concussions.
- Development of an emergency action plan.
- Policy amendment.

For more information about matters discussed in this issue, please contact any one of the KTJ School Law Attorneys.



This Act originally provided for an August effective date. However, Senate Bill 219 is currently pending in the House and would extend the implementation of these new requirements until the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

A detailed summary of the requirements of the Act is available at the following link:

[Public Act 99-245 Summary](#)

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