

HOUSE BILL 1346

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By: **Delegate Hill**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission; providing
4 for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of
5 the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
6 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and make
7 recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to submit a
8 certain report to the Governor, the State Board of Education, the Maryland
9 Department of Health, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Youth Sports
11 Safety Advisory Commission.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That:

14 (a) There is a Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission.

15 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

16 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
17 the Senate;

18 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House;

20 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
21 designee;

22 (4) the following members who have experience with youth sports safety or
23 treating youth sports injuries, appointed by the Governor on or before July 31, 2020:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American
2 Academy of Pediatrics;
- 3 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Academy of Family
4 Physicians;
- 5 (iii) one representative of the Society of Pediatric Psychology;
- 6 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Psychological Association;
- 7 (v) one representative of the American Academy of Clinical
8 Neuropsychology;
- 9 (vi) one representative of the Maryland Athletic Trainers
10 Association;
- 11 (vii) one representative of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools
12 Athletic Association who is a coach;
- 13 (viii) one representative of the Maryland Board of Football Officials;
- 14 (ix) one representative of the Medical Mutual Liability Insurance
15 Society of Maryland who is a risk management specialist;
- 16 (x) one pediatrician or family medicine practitioner;
- 17 (xi) one orthopedist;
- 18 (xii) one emergency medicine physician who treats pediatric patients;
- 19 (xiii) one pediatric cardiologist;
- 20 (xiv) one public health epidemiologist; and
- 21 (xv) one physical therapist.
- 22 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.
- 23 (d) The Maryland Department of Health shall provide staff for the Commission.
- 24 (e) A member of the Commission:
- 25 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but
- 26 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
27 Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) The Commission shall:

2 (1) study evidence-based policies and practices for maximizing safety for
3 youth athletes at different age levels and stages of brain development based on national
4 research;

5 (2) seek input from nationally recognized youth sports oversight
6 organizations, including US Youth Soccer, USA Cheer, US Lacrosse, and USA Football;

7 (3) study ways to reduce injury risk levels to youth athletes at different
8 ages; and

9 (4) make recommendations for implementation of evidence-based best
10 practices for minimizing injury risk for youth athletes.

11 (g) On or before December 31, 2020, the Commission shall submit a report of its
12 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, the
13 Maryland Department of Health, and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government
14 Article, the General Assembly.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
17 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
18 of no further force and effect.