

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT
OF
HB 1346 “Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission”

CHILDREN’S NATIONAL HOSPITAL

Children’s supports Maryland’s ongoing efforts to improve safety of youth participating in sports activities. More progress can be made in preventing injuries and ensuring treatment is appropriate and effective.

HB 1346 would establish a Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission to study evidence-based policies and practices for maximizing safety; seek input from nationally recognized youth sports organizations; study ways to reduce risk of injury; and make recommendations for implementation of evidence-based best practices.

While the composition of the Commission is broad, Children’s recommends an amendment to add a representative from the Sports Neuropsychology Society. See proposed amendment below.

Amendment:

On page 2, after line 2, insert: “(ii) one representative of the Sports Neuropsychology Society;”

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