

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 293

August 20, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, OHNSTAD, A. OTT and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 AN ACT *to create* 118.293 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring an official 2 at a youth athletic activity to complete an online training program on 3 concussions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person operating a youth athletic activity (defined as an organized athletic activity in which the participants, a majority of whom are under 19 years of age, are engaged in an athletic game or competition against another team, or in practice or preparation for such a game or competition) must distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to each coach and to each participant in the activity. No person may participate in the activity unless the person returns the sheet signed by the person and, if he or she is under 19 years of age, by his or her parent.

This bill prohibits a person operating a youth athletic activity for which an activity fee is charged from allowing an individual to serve as an official for the activity unless the individual presents evidence satisfactory to the operator that he or she has successfully completed, within the three previous years, an online training program about concussions and head injuries in youth athletic activities that has been approved by the Department of Public Instruction.

The bill takes effect approximately six months after publication.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1. 118.293 (2m) of the statutes is created to read: 1 $\mathbf{2}$ 118.293 (2m) A person operating a youth athletic activity for which an activity 3 fee is charged may not permit an individual to serve as an official for the activity 4 unless the individual provides evidence satisfactory to the operator that he or she has $\mathbf{5}$ successfully completed, within the previous 3 years, an online training program 6 about concussions and head injuries in youth athletic activities that has been 7 approved by the department. The department shall provide a link on its Internet site 8 to the approved online training program. 9 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

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10 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning afterpublication.

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