

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Board of Education to amend its guidelines for school division policies and*
3 *procedures on concussions in student-athletes.*

4 [H 1096]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *The Board of Education shall amend its guidelines for school division policies and procedures on*
8 *concussions in student-athletes to include a "Return to Learn Protocol" with the following requirements:*

9 *1. School personnel shall be alert to cognitive and academic issues that may be experienced by a*
10 *student-athlete who has suffered a concussion or other head injury, including (i) difficulty with*
11 *concentration, organization, and long-term and short-term memory; (ii) sensitivity to bright lights and*
12 *sounds; and (iii) short-term problems with speech and language, reasoning, planning, and problem*
13 *solving; and*

14 *2. School personnel shall accommodate the gradual return to full participation in academic activities*
15 *by a student-athlete who has suffered a concussion or other head injury as appropriate, based on the*
16 *recommendation of the student-athlete's licensed health care provider as to the appropriate amount of*
17 *time that such student-athlete needs to be away from the classroom.*

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