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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1096**

Offered January 9, 2014

A *BILL to require the Board of Education to amend its guidelines for school division policies and procedures on concussions in student-athletes.*

Patrons—Filler-Corn, Futrell, Kory, Peace and Yancey

Referred to Committee on Education

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

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

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

2. *School personnel shall accommodate the gradual return to full participation in academic activities by a student-athlete who has suffered a concussion or other head injury as appropriate, based on the recommendation of the student-athlete's concussion-trained health care provider and the appropriate designated school personnel.*

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