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Introduced by M. of A. BORES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing information on concussions to parents and guardians of children participating in soccer programs, lacrosse programs, ice hockey programs, and field hockey programs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "concussion
2 safety act".
3 § 2. Section 2595 of the public health law, as added by chapter 243 of
4 the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:
5 § 2595. Football programs, soccer programs, lacrosse programs, ice
6 hockey programs, and field hockey programs; information on concussions.
7 1. All tackle football programs, soccer programs, lacrosse programs, ice
8 hockey programs, and field hockey programs in the state shall provide an
9 informational packet about concussions and sub-concussive blows, and the
10 injuries that might occur as a result of receiving such blows, to the
11 parents or guardians of all children participating in such tackle foot-
12 ball program, soccer program, lacrosse program, ice hockey program, or
13 field hockey program. The informational packet shall be provided by the
14 department and shall be available to be downloaded free of charge from
15 the department's website.
16 2. For the purposes of this section~~[, "tackle"]~~:
17 (a) "Tackle football program" shall include any practice, game or
18 other activity which involves engaging in tackle football and which is
19 organized by a school, adult, or public or private league or other enti-
20 ty whose purpose is to allow children to participate in contact foot-
21 ball.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (b) "Soccer program" shall include any practice, game or other activ-
2 ity which involves engaging in soccer and which is organized by a
3 school, adult, or public or private league or other entity whose purpose
4 is to allow children to participate in soccer.

5 (c) "Lacrosse program" shall include any practice, game or other
6 activity which involves engaging in lacrosse and which is organized by a
7 school, adult, or public or private league or other entity whose purpose
8 is to allow children to participate in lacrosse.

9 (d) "Ice hockey program" shall include any practice, game or other
10 activity which involves engaging in ice hockey and which is organized by
11 a school, adult, or public or private league or other entity whose
12 purpose is to allow children to participate in ice hockey.

13 (e) "Field hockey program" shall include any practice, game or other
14 activity which involves engaging in field hockey and which is organized
15 by a school, adult, or public or private league or other entity whose
16 purpose is to allow children to participate in field hockey.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.