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Government Update

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) has introduced [S.786](#) to establish a grant program relating to the prevention of student and student athlete opioid misuse. S.786 is co-sponsored by Sen. Margaret Hassan (D-NH). The bill was read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions which will consider it before sending it to the Senate floor for consideration.

STATE LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Kentucky legislature passes a student athlete safety bill dealing with concussions that now goes to the Governor to be signed into law

Number: KY [R] HB 241 - Updated (Status 03/31/2017)

Sponsor: Rep. John Sims (DEM-KY)

Title: [AN ACT relating to student athlete safety.](#)

Abstract: Amend KRS 160.445 to prohibit a coach from returning a student to play who is diagnosed with a concussion; prohibit a student from returning to play if no physician or licensed provider is available to conduct the required concussion evaluation; prohibit a student who does not receive the required evaluation from returning to play in a subsequent practice or competition unless written clearance from a physician is provided.

Montana lawmakers advance bill on youth concussions

The Montana Legislature is advancing a bill that would extend safeguards against youth concussions to private schools and sports associations. State lawmakers passed a bill in 2013 requiring student athletes in public schools to be removed from play after showing signs of having a concussion. The bill must pass a final vote in the Senate and the House must agree to the Senate's changes before the measure goes to Gov. Steve Bullock.

Virginia House votes to override governor's veto of bill to allow homeschooled students to participate in interscholastic programs (Tobow Bill)

Bill now goes to the Senate to see if they can get enough votes to override the veto.

Number: VA [R] HB 1378 - Updated (Status 04/06/2017)

Sponsor: Del. Richard Boll (REP-VA)

Title: [Eliminate the restrictive home instruction participation in interscholastic programs \(Tobow Bill\).](#)

Abstract: Students who receive home instruction, participation in interscholastic programs.