



**Subject: HB-2038 Concussion Oversight Team (COT)**

<b>ACTION</b>
---------------

**Background**

In accordance with the new legislation passed by the Texas Legislature HB-2038 and signed into law by Governor Perry schools are now required, as of September 1, 2011, to have a Concussion Oversight Team, develop a Return to Play Protocol, and inform parents of the risks associated with concussions both before and after they occur. Reference Chapter 38, Sub Chapter D of the Texas Education Code.

According to TEC Section 38.153: **The governing body of each school district and open-enrollment charter school with students enrolled who participate in an interscholastic athletic activity shall appoint or approve a concussion oversight team.**

Each concussion oversight team shall establish a return-to-play protocol, based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence, for a student's return to interscholastic athletics practice or competition following the force or impact believed to have caused a concussion.

In developing a Return to Play (RTP) Protocol as required under TEC section 38.153, at a minimum, the local COT shall adopt the UIL Concussion Management Protocol, based on the guidelines from the National Federation of State High School Associations which have been mandated by the UIL Legislative Council and the UIL Medical Advisory Committee (MAC). If the local COT determines that it wishes to be more restrictive than the UIL Concussion Management Protocol that is within their local discretion.

**Membership:** The team must include a physician and one or more of the following (all of whom must have had training in the evaluation, treatment, and oversight of concussions at the time of appointment):

- an athletic trainer (if employed by the school district or charter school)
- and advanced practice nurse
- a neuropsychologist, or
- a physician assistant

**Additionally, there is nothing that would prohibit the governing body of any school district and open-enrollment charter school from adopting the UIL Medical Advisory Committee as the Concussion Oversight Team for purposes of satisfying TEC 38.153.**

**Information**

To comply with this new law, the following Concussion Oversight Team is recommended:

1. Physician – Mark Buckner
2. Billy Skidmore, ATC, LAT
3. Campus Nurse – Nicole Gordon

The Superintendent will oversee the Concussion Oversight Team.

The district will follow the UIL Concussion Management Protocol regarding Return-to-Play protocol as it is based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence.

### **Recommended Action**

#### **Approval of the S&S CISD Concussion Oversight Team:**

1. Physician – Mark Buckner
2. Billy Skidmore, ATC, LAT
3. Campus Nurse – Nicole Gordon

**Oversight of the committee: Superintendent**