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Summary of Changes Between SB 22\A and CS for SB 22\B

This document is an identification of the changes between W.O. 27-LS0250\A and W.O. 27-LS0250\B. The changes between SB 22 and the CS are based on recommendations from the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) and the Alaska Brain Injury Network (ABIN).

The CS for SB 22 replaces “traumatic brain injuries” with “concussions”.

This request was based on recommendations from ASAA who felt that traumatic brain injuries were outside their scope of expertise. However, it is recognized that concussions are a mild form of traumatic brain injury. This change is reflected in the CS on: page 1, line 6; page 2, line 13; page 3, lines 8 and 21.

Section 2 in CS SB 22 adds a new section 14.30.142(b) [page 2, lines 20-24] that requires a school to provide students and their parents with written information on the nature and risks of concussions based on recommendations by ASAA. Also required is signed verification by parents that the information is received. Page 2, line 19 in the CS amends the reference to subsections based on the addition of subsection 14.30.142(b).

14.30.142(d) [previously subsection (c)] changes the language that determines who can evaluate a student suspected of sustaining a concussion. Originally, SB 22 designated that only a licensed health care provider could return a student to play or practice. However, after discussion with ASAA and ABIN, it was determined that this requirement may be difficult to meet in rural Alaska.

Subsection 14.30.142(d) designates what constitutes a qualified person in subsections: (1) a licensed health care provider and (2) a person who is acting at the direction and under the supervision of a licensed physician.

Subsection 14.30.142(e) [previously subsection (d)] adds additional language “and who is not paid for conducting the evaluation” (page 3, lines 4-5).