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House Bill 5314 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Thomas B. Hooker
House Committee: Health Policy
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to the following:

- Require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) periodically to review its concussion awareness training program and make recommendations regarding the frequency of training.
- Require organizing entities (schools, parks and recreation departments, and others), before a youth athlete participated in an athletic activity, to ensure that each person required to participate in the training program completed it at least once every three years, unless the DHHS recommended more frequent training.
- Amend the definition of "youth athlete", which means an individual who participates in an athletic activity and is under 18 years old, to exclude a 17-year-old who is enrolled solely in an institution of higher education.

The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal negative fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services, and no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under the bill, the Department would face a minimal increase in costs resulting from the requirement that it periodically review the training program. The requirement that training programs be completed every three years by adults involved in applicable youth sports activities would not result in increased costs to the Department. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Federation of State High School Associations both offer a free online training course that would fulfill the requirements of this bill regarding frequency of training, negating the need for the Department to develop new training courses in order to comply with the bill.

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