

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS65003-SFz-3\* (04/14)**

Short Title: Task Force on Sports Injuries in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Foriest, Tillman, Dorsett, Hartsell, and Stevens.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON SPORTS INJURIES AS  
3 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT  
4 COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is created the Legislative Task Force on Sports Injuries.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Task Force shall consist of 14 members as follows:

8 (1) Seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as  
9 follows:

- 10 a. Three members of the House of Representatives;  
11 b. One member of the State Board of Education or a designee of the  
12 State Board of Education;  
13 c. One doctor with expertise in the area of sports medicine;  
14 d. One school administrator; and  
15 e. One high school coach.

16 (2) Seven members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as  
17 follows:

- 18 a. Three members of the Senate;  
19 b. One representative of the North Carolina High School Athletic  
20 Association;  
21 c. One athletic trainer;  
22 d. One high school athletic director; and  
23 e. One middle school coach.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one  
25 Representative as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one  
26 Senator as cochair. Vacancies on the Task Force shall be filled by the same appointing  
27 authority that made the initial appointment. A quorum of the Task Force shall be a majority of  
28 its members.

29 **SECTION 4.** The Task Force shall study issues relating to sports injuries for all  
30 sports at the middle school and high school levels, focusing on the prevention and treatment of  
31 injuries.

32 **SECTION 5.** Members of the Task Force shall receive per diem, subsistence, and  
33 travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The Task  
34 Force, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under  
35 G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Task Force may meet at anytime



1 upon the joint call of the cochairs. The Task Force may meet in the Legislative Building or the  
2 Legislative Office Building.

3 With approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services  
4 Officer shall assign professional staff to assist the Task Force in its work. The House of  
5 Representatives' and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to  
6 the Task Force, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the Task  
7 Force. The Task Force may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as  
8 provided by G.S. 120-32.02. If the Task Force hires a consultant, the consultant shall not be a  
9 State employee or a person currently under contract with the State to provide services.

10 All State departments and agencies and local governments and their subdivisions  
11 shall furnish the Task Force with any information in their possession or available to them.

12 **SECTION 6.** The Task Force shall submit a final report of the results of its study  
13 and its recommendations to the 2011 General Assembly upon its convening. The Task Force  
14 shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2011 General  
15 Assembly, whichever occurs first.

16 **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.