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SENATE BILL NO. 349

BY SENATOR BARROW

SCHOOLS. Provides for mental health evaluations of high school student athletes who are injured while participating in a sporting event. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 17:176(G), relative to mental health evaluations of high school student
3	athletes who are injured while participating in sports; to provide relative to city,
4	parish, and local public school systems; to provide relative to interscholastic
5	athletics; to provide mental health resources; to provide for implementation; and to
6	provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 17:176(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§176. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation; standards;
10	prohibitions; filming or videotaping; definitions
11	* * *
12	(G)(1) Each city, parish, and other local public school systems shall
13	administer mental health evaluations to high school student athletes who are
14	injured while participating in an interscholastic athletic event.
15	(2) The school system shall provide mental health resources to assist
16	student athletes recover after being injured if necessary or appropriate.
17	Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be implemented by each high school

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1	beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
2	Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be known and cited as the "You Are More
3	Than Your Sport Act".
4	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8	effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Frances Aucoin.

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all city, parish, and other local public school systems must administer mental health evaluations on high school student athletes who have been injured while participating in interscholastic athletic events.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the school system must provide mental health resources to the injured student athlete if necessary or appropriate.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:176(G))