

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION relative to the prevention, recognition, and treatment of concussions in youth.

WHEREAS, organized sports play a positive role in the lives of our children, teaching them the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, for all their positive contributions, organized sports can also involve our youth in violent collisions, which sometimes result in concussions; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women who volunteer as coaches for youth sports teams understand the dangers inherent in sports and are usually the first adult to respond when a child suffers a concussion in the field of play; and

WHEREAS, these coaches are also in a superior position to teach techniques and provide equipment that will prevent concussions, and lessen the incidence and severity of concussions when they do occur; and

WHEREAS, it is thus imperative that the coaches of youth sports teams receive adequate first aid training relative to concussions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that in the interest of lessening the incidence and severity of concussions among our children and teenagers, this General Assembly respectfully urges all coaches of youth sports teams to take classes in first aid in order to become more knowledgeable about the prevention, recognition, and treatment of concussions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the appropriate persons and entities.