

Senate Bill 176

By: Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and Parent of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions regarding elementary and secondary  
3 education, so as to require that youth athletes participating in gridiron football shall be  
4 equipped with and wear a helmet which has at least a four star rating on the Virginia Tech  
5 Helmet Ratings scale at the time of its use; to provide for an exception; to provide for a short  
6 title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Deantre Gregory Turman Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
12 relating to miscellaneous provisions regarding elementary and secondary education, is  
13 amended in Code Section 20-2-324.1, relating to concussion management and return to play  
14 policies for youth athletes, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

15 "(f) Every youth athlete participating in gridiron football as an activity of a local board of  
16 education, nonpublic elementary or secondary school, governing body of a charter school,  
17 or public recreation facility shall wear a helmet designed for gridiron football which has  
18 at least a four star rating on the Virginia Tech Helmet Ratings scale at the time of such  
19 participation by such student. This subsection shall not be applicable to any participation  
20 in gridiron football which is played as a noncontact activity."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.