

## HR 1271

Concussion Awareness and Education Act of 2015

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Mar 4, 2015)

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#### Concussion Awareness and Education Act of 2015

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to: (1) establish and oversee a national system to accurately determine the incidence of sports-related concussions among youth, and (2) begin implementation of such system within one year of this Act's enactment.

Requires the data collected to include:

- the incidence of sports related concussions in individuals 5 through 21 years of age;
- demographic information of the injured individuals;
- pre-existing conditions of the injured individuals;
- the concussion history of the injured individuals;
- the use of protective equipment and impact monitoring devices;
- the qualifications of personnel diagnosing the concussions; and
- the cause, nature, and extent of the concussive injury.

Requires the National Institutes of Health to conduct or support:

- research designed to inform the creation of guidelines for the management of short- and long-term sequelae of concussion in youth;
- research on the effects of concussions and repetitive head impacts on quality of life and the activities of daily living;
- research to identify predictors, and modifiers of outcomes, of concussions in youth; and
- research on age- and sex-related biomechanical determinants of injury risk for concussion in youth.

Requires CDC to develop and disseminate to the public information regarding concussions.

Establishes a Concussion Research Commission, which shall study the programs and activities conducted pursuant to this Act and formulate systemic recommendations to increase knowledge about, and change the culture surrounding, concussions.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.