

## HR 2932

### PLAYS in Youth Sports Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Sports and Recreation

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2016
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Mar 21, 2016
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Apr 12, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Sports and Recreation

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Physical activity, Living healthy, Access, Youth development, and Safety in Youth Sports Act or the PLAYS in Youth Sports Act**

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish: (1) an Organization Grants Program to award competitive grants to eligible national nonprofit organizations to improve the health and positive youth development impacts of youth sports participation, and (2) a grant selection board to select grant recipients.

Authorizes the use of grants by such an organization to award subgrants to regional and local nonprofit youth sports organizations for: (1) activities that promote effectiveness of physical activities or youth sports, including training and certification programs for coaches, developing and implementing coaching guidelines, an athlete code of conduct and instruction, and coach and volunteer retention efforts, training for youth development and character developments, developing or implementing an evaluation and results implementation process, instructing positive parental involvements, fostering a positive sport experience for all involved that emphasizes athlete development over winning at all costs, and activities to enhance effects beyond the playing field, such as regarding nutrition practices, academic performance, encouragement of life-long practices, and promotion of positive self-image; (2) activities leading to sustained increases in participation in youth sports; and (3) activities to promote safety and health, including background checks, abuse prevention and response activities, and various training programs.

Authorizes HHS to establish a grant program under which it shall award one-time competitive grants to municipalities, counties, and states to fund efforts to establish and implement model standards for out-of-school youth sports coaches.

Requires: (1) the Government Accountability Office to report on a history of the prior 50 years of federal programs used to help promote the effectiveness, participation, health, and safety of non-school based organized youth sports and on their effectiveness and outcomes; and (2) HHS to report on youth sports risk prevention efforts conducted or supported by HHS and other federal agencies, beneficial practices in place relating to such efforts and the effectiveness of such practices, and further steps and resources needed to reduce risks and increase the benefits of sports.

Authorizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health to undertake, support, enhance, and expand research and prevention efforts to advance youth sports safety.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Jun 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.