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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAM CONCUSSION ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Cotter, Casimiro, Handy, McNamara, Speakman, Kislak,  
and Spears

Date Introduced: March 27, 2024

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-91-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-91 entitled "School and  
2 Youth Programs Concussion Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-91-2. Definitions.**

4 For the purpose of this ~~section~~ chapter, the following terms have the following meanings,  
5 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 (1) "Skateboarding" means an athletic pursuit where a person utilizes a human-powered  
7 board with wheels attached to the underside of the board and the board is ridden by an individual  
8 standing balanced on the board.

9 (2) ~~the term "youth~~ "Youth sports programs" means any program organized for recreational  
10 and/or athletic competition purposes by any school district or by any school participating in Rhode  
11 Island Interscholastic League Competition, and whose participants are nineteen (19) years of age  
12 or younger.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 16-91 of the General Laws entitled "School and Youth Programs  
14 Concussion Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

15 **16-91-5. Skateboarding as interscholastic school sport.**

16 The department of elementary and secondary education and the department of health shall  
17 work in concert with the Rhode Island Interscholastic League to develop and implement  
18 skateboarding as a youth sports program in Rhode Island Interscholastic League Competition. The  
19 sport of skateboarding may also be provided by a school as an intramural sport. Both the department

1 [of elementary and secondary education and the department of health may promulgate rules and](#)  
2 [regulations, either separately or in tandem, to address issues related to this sport.](#)

3 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would authorize the sport of skateboarding to be a youth sports program that is
- 2 part of Rhode Island Interscholastic League Competition.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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