

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2017 and 2018
HB4341

Introduced , by Rep. Carol Sente

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the CTE Prevention Act. Defines terms. Provides that a child under the age of 12 may not participate in tackle football offered by an organized youth sports program. Provides that a child under the age of 12 may participate in all other athletic activities offered by an organized youth sports program.

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A BILL FOR

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.
2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**
4 Section 1. Short title; references to Act.
5 (a) Short title. This Act may be cited as the CTE
6 Prevention Act.
7 (b) References to Act. This Act may be referred to as the
8 Dave Duerson Act to Prevent CTE.
9 Section 5. Purpose. The General Assembly finds that the
10 best available evidence tells us that Chronic Traumatic
11 Encephalopathy (CTE) is caused by repetitive hits to the head
12 sustained over a period of years and cite sub-concussive
13 impacts as an important factor. The General Assembly also finds
14 that athletes who begin playing contact sports at younger ages
15 are at greater risk for neurological impairment later in life
16 and recognizes that several published studies show that
17 exposure to tackle football before the age of 12 is associated
18 with a greater risk of neurological impairment than exposure to
19 tackle football starting at or after the age of 12.

20 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

21 "Organized youth sports program" means any organized

22 intramural athletic activity program, interscholastic athletic

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1 activity program, or physical education program developed and
2 offered to children or students in this State through an
3 organized entity, including, but not limited to, a public or
4 private elementary or secondary school, charter school, park
5 district, athletic association, or other for-profit or
6 nonprofit entity.

7 "Tackle football" means any practice or game of American
8 football where physical contact is used to force opposing
9 players to the ground.

10 Section 15. Children under 12; tackle football. A child
11 under the age of 12 may not participate in tackle football
12 offered by an organized youth sports program. A child under the
13 age of 12 may participate in all other athletic activities
14 offered by an organized youth sports program, including, but
15 not limited to, touch football or flag football.