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AN ACT concerning the use of prescription opioids by students who
participate in sports and supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A
of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
Commissioner of Health, shall develop within 120 days of the
effective date of this act, an educational fact sheet that provides
information concerning the use and misuse of opioid drugs in the
event that a student-athlete or cheerleader is prescribed an opioid
for a sports-related injury.

b. A school district or nonpublic school that participates in an
interscholastic sports program or cheerleading program shall
distribute the educational fact sheet annually to the parents or
guardians of student-athletes and cheerleaders and shall obtain a
signed acknowledgment of the receipt of the fact sheet by the
student-athlete or cheerleader and his parent or guardian.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation
with the Commissioner of Health, to develop an educational fact
sheet that provides information concerning the use and misuse of
opioid drugs in the event that a student-athlete or cheerleader is
prescribed an opioid for a sports-related injury. The bill requires
school districts and nonpublic schools that participate in
interscholastic sports or cheerleading programs to distribute the fact
sheet annually to the parents or guardians of student-athletes and
cheerleaders, and to obtain a signed acknowledgement of the receipt
of the fact sheet by the student and his parent or guardian.

It is the sponsor’s intent to ensure that young people and their
parents are educated as early as possible about the dangers of opioid
abuse and addiction. It is critical to provide this information to
students who participate in athletics to make certain that, in the
event they are prescribed an opioid for an injury, they will be fully
knowledgeable of the risks of misuse.
Requires DOE to develop educational fact sheet for distribution to parents of student-athletes and cheerleaders concerning use and misuse of prescription opioids.