

**MEMORANDUM**

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Cathy Danyluk, Director of Student Services

Date: June 22, 2018

Re: House Enrolled Act 1024 – Heat Preparedness Training for Coaches (IC 20-34-7)

**Background:**

The Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation that expands the current Concussion Law (IC 20-34-7) to include additional educational requirements for coaches. HEA 1024 requires assistant coaches and head coaches of students in grades 5-12, who are participating in interscholastic sports, including cheerleading, to take a “prevention and response to heat related medical issues” certification course by December 31, 2018. This is a new requirement and is in addition to the concussion certification course requirement which took effect on July 1, 2017.

**Guidance:**

HEA 1024 applies to those students in grades 5-12 who participate in an interscholastic sport. An interscholastic sport is defined as one that is sanctioned by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). These include the following for boys: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and wrestling; and for girls: basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball. In addition to the above listed interscholastic sports, HEA 1024 also applies to cheerleading.

Coaches must be certified every two years, or sooner, if new information becomes available. Thus, coaches must now take two certification courses – one on concussion awareness and one on heat emergency preparedness. These courses must:

- contain a comprehensive test;
- award a certificate of completion; and
- be approved by the Indiana Department of Education

A list of the approved courses for meeting these requirements, as well as a detailed FAQ Document regarding the Concussion Law, can be found on the IDOE website by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Bracale at (317) 232-0541 or email her at [jbracale@doe.in.gov](mailto:jbracale@doe.in.gov).