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2	44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999						
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10	AN ACT						
11	RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM SAFETY						
12	STANDARDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; DECLARING AN						
13	EMERGENCY.						
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:						
16	Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is						
17	enacted to read:						
18	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] DUTIES OF BOARDADOPTION OF MANDATORY						
19	MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS						
20	A. As used in this section:						
21	(1) "athletic activity" means any physical						
22	activity, whether part of a physical education program,						
23	intramural sports program, extracurricular sports program or						
24	cheerleading, that involves an exposure to catastrophic injury						
25	for the participant; and						
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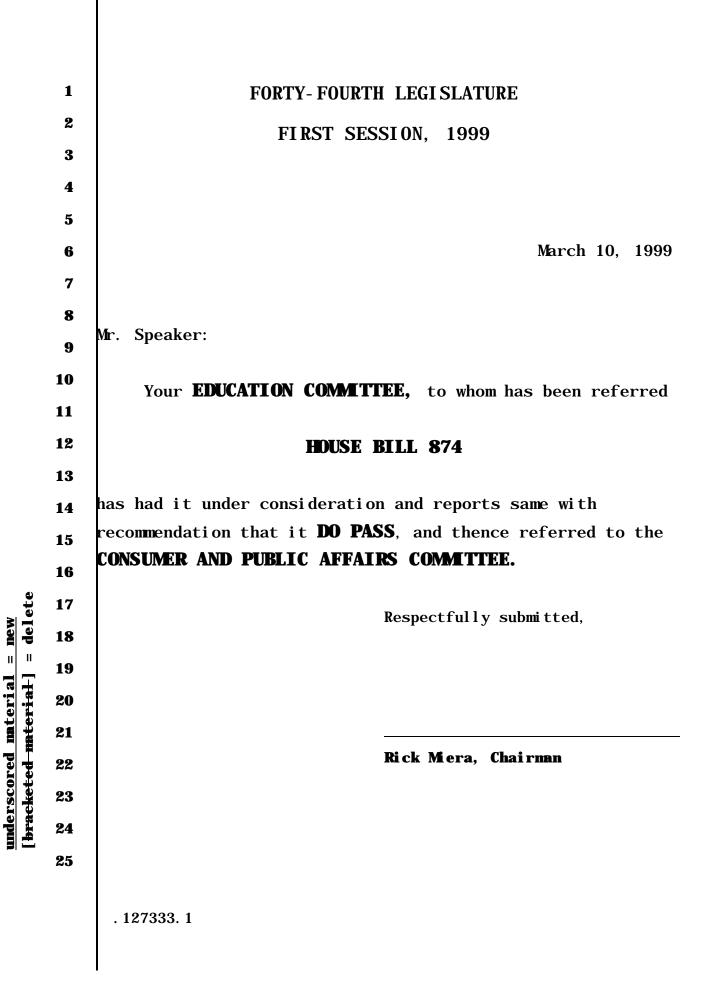
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1 (2)"catastrophic injury" means a severe injury incurred during participation in a public school 2 sponsored activity. 3 B. The state board shall adopt by rule mandatory 4 5 minimum safety standards for public school athletic programs and shall include at least the following provisions: 6 7 (1) standards shall apply to all athletic activities in which students are required or permitted to 8 9 participate by official policy of a local school board; 10 standards shall be adopted by a local (2)11 school board and must apply to each school in a school 12 district as a condition of having extracurricular athletic 13 activities included as part of a school program in a school 14 district governed by the board; standards shall apply to athletic 15 (3) 16 activities, whether occurring in competition or practice; standards shall include a uniform 17 (4) 18 parental consent to be executed before a student may engage in 19 athletic activities and that consent shall inform the parent 20 about the risks of injury involved in the activity and supply 21 relevant statistics regarding the type and incidence of injury 22 for the activity; 23 standards may incorporate by reference (5) 24 suggested or adopted safety standards or rules of an existing 25 national organization such as the national federation of state . 127333. 1

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		2	(6) standards shall include requirements for
		3	reporting all catastrophic injuries incurred in athletic
		4	activities to the national center for catastrophic sports
		5	injury research. "
		6	Section 2. EMERGENCYIt is necessary for the public
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