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### **Concussion bill to be signed by Governor Reynolds**

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds will be signing bill HF 2442 into law tomorrow, April 26, 2018, which updates the existing concussion law to help protect Iowa's high school athletes

Brad Floy, President of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society, which has worked on this bill for the last four years, said, "we are grateful for the elected officials, particularly Rep. Megan Jones, for passing a bipartisan bill that will improve high school student-athlete safety."

The passage of this bill will continue to ensure Iowa's high school athletes receive the proper care following a concussion. After a head injury, it is critical for the student-athletes to be safely returned to full participation in academics and sports. This bill puts research-based return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols in place to be used by all Iowa high schools. In addition, this bill creates incentives, through decreased legal liability, for high schools to provide a health care professional, such as an athletic trainer or physician, on the sidelines of contact and limited contact contests.

"This bill improves current law and we hope to continue to build on these efforts in the future," Floy said.

HF 2442 is a step forward in the efforts to protect high school athletes in Iowa. For additional information, please visit [www.iowaats.com](http://www.iowaats.com).

#### About the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society

The Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society is a non-profit group composed of highly skilled health care professionals. Through research, education, and service IATS works to advance, encourage, and improve the profession of athletic training.

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