

**2015 BOC Athletic Trainer
Regulatory Conference**



Athlete and Youth Sport Safety Legislation Update

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GOALS:

Saving lives

Highlighting ATs

Creating new jobs

Saving lives



- 2007 Texas enacts comprehensive safety bill
- 2009:
 - Lystedt Law (WA)
 - State AT associations got in front
- Focus on Football & concussion
- 2008-2009 115 student athlete deaths
- Youth Sports Safety Alliance (YSSA) formed



2010

- Appropriate health care for student athletes, a Call to Action (“Crisis in America”)
- Coalitions begin at state level
- 38 YSSA members, first Summit
- 17 States + DC have concussion laws
- Second Summit, media interest increased
- 48 student deaths
- Partnership with NFL



2011

44 Student athlete deaths

36 states + DC have concussion laws

3rd Summit

62 YSSA members



2012

34 Student Deaths

44 states + DC with concussion laws

Handful of states address other issues

83 YSSA member organizations

MESSAGE: It's not just football, it's not just concussion, it's not just high school



2013

32 student athlete deaths

49 states + DC have concussion laws

4th Summit

National Action Plan for Sports Safety

YSSA Capitol Hill Student Athlete Bill of Rights

120 YSSA member organizations

Safe Sports School Award launched



2014

28 student athlete deaths

50 states + DC have concussion laws

At least 60 athlete safety bills in 25 states

5th Summit, 2nd Capitol Hill Day

151 YSSA member organizations

Benchmark study of ATs in secondary schools



2015

6th YSSA Summit

More than 200 YSSA members

Public interest remains high

Jan 2010: 15 million

March 2015: 132+million

Concussion laws being revised, gaps remain

Enforcement, guidelines, other health risks



Future

Expansion of safety laws for SCA, heat illness, etc.

Defined public policy role

Expansion to league/community sports?

A role for regulatory agencies?

ATs should take the lead

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Thank you for your service to
America's Student Athletes!

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