

- SUBJECT:** Allowing chiropractors to determine if a student sustained a concussion
- COMMITTEE:** Public Education — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Huberty, Bernal, Bohac, Dutton, Gooden, K. King, Koop, VanDeaver
- 3 absent — Allen, Deshotel, Meyer
- WITNESSES:** For — Kelly Ryder and Ken Tomlin, Texas Chiropractic Association; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Dax Gonzalez and Robert Westbrook, Texas Association of School Boards)
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Kara Belew, Monica Martinez, and Shelly Ramos, Texas Education Agency)
- BACKGROUND:** Education Code, sec. 38.156 requires that a student be removed from interscholastic athletics activities if a coach, physician, licensed health care professional, or a person authorized to make medical decisions for the student believes he or she may have sustained a concussion during the activities. Some have suggested that current law does not allow all appropriate health professionals to make a determination that a student has sustained a concussion during interscholastic athletic activities.
- DIGEST:** HB 3024 would add licensed chiropractors to the list of those able to make a determination that a student may have sustained a concussion during interscholastic athletic activities.
- This bill would take effect immediately if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.