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UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATION REGARDING CONCUSSIONS

As you will recall, ESIX provided information in 2010 regarding legislation in the State of Washington now known as the "Zackery Lystedt Law", which mandates youth athletics, leagues and coaches and school districts to follow certain guidelines with regard to concussions and return to play guidelines. Since this historic legislation went into law, six more states have enacted similar legislation. Those states include Oregon, Virginia, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

In addition, we expect at least seven more states to adopt similar legislation during their legislative sessions in 2011. Those states include California, Colorado, Florida, Maine, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Texas also has a sports safety and education law.

The common denominators to these various state legislation include:

1. Schools and coaches receiving annual training to recognize the signs and symptoms of concussions in their youth athletes
2. Specific "Return to Play Guidelines"
3. No return to play without medical clearance from a medical provider trained in concussion assessment

An article outlining the specifics of the current states with legislation can be viewed at:

<http://www.momsteam.com/health-safety/state-laws-protect-youth-athletes-who-suffer-concussions>

Additionally, information regarding this issue can be obtained on the Centers for Disease Control website (www.cdc.gov)

We hope you find this information useful for your organization. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your ESIX representative