Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario Introduces *Education Act* Amendments Relating to Concussions

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On March 6, 2012, the Ontario government introduced Bill 39, Education Amendment Act (Concussions), 2012. If passed, the Bill would rename Part XIII.1 of the *Education Act* “Pupil Health,” and create new provisions for concussions.

These provisions would authorize the Minister to make policies and guidelines relating to the following:

- the distribution of head injury prevention information to pupils, parents, guardians, board employees and volunteers, as well as the identification of symptoms of concussions and the management of concussions;
- the management of concussions, including both the removal of a pupil who is suspected of having sustained a concussion from intramural or inter-school athletics or any part of the health and physical education curriculum, as well as the return of that pupil; and
- the responsibilities of board employees, classes of board employees, or other persons who are involved in intramural or inter-school athletics or any part of the health and physical education curriculum in relation to the foregoing.