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Туре:	Resolution
Title:	City Council urge Chicago Public Schools to recognize
	King-Devick Test, to prevent long and short-term brain injuries resulting from sports-related concussions

Committee(s) Assignment:

## <u>RESOLUTION</u> <u>URGING CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RECOGNIZE THE KING-DEVICK</u> <u>TEST AS AN ACCEPTABLE PRELIMINARY SIDELINE TEST FOR DETECTING</u> <u>CONCUSSIONS</u>

WHEREAS, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and this body have adopted youth concussion regulations designed to protect student-athletes.

WHEREAS, CPS provisions for adequate and appropriate concussion testing and training for Coaches, Athletic Trainers, and other supervisory figures associated with youth -athletics in the City of Chicago shall prevent the occurrence of long and short-term brain injuries resulting from sports-related concussions.

WHEREAS, Multiple studies have been conducted, including that of the Sports Legacy Institute, establishing proof that concussions suffered while participating in sports has led to long and short-term brain injuries, as well as a degenerative brain disease called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt a standardized test that all city youth athletic leadership must be trained on, and adhere to, a consistent and effective method of concussion evaluation will be established, thereby, allowing for more effective observance these laws.

WHEREAS, The King-Devick Test used for more than 25 years to detect the presence of a concussion, shall be a safe, reliable test that all athletic leaders can easily perform to ensure the safety of youth athletic participants.

WHEREAS, Recent studies published in Neurology and the Journal of The Neurological Sciences have supported The King-Devick Test as an indicator of concussions.

WHEREAS, The King-Devick Test shall be provided free of charge courtesy of The Dave Duerson Foundation. Who is believed to have been affected by Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) caused by head injuries he received while playing professional football.

BE IT RESOLVED The Mayor and The City Council, urges the Chicago Public Schools to adopt the King-Devick Test as a standardized tool to be used for concussion detection and hold hearings expeditiously to further review this matter.

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