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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 11, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," establishing the Pennsylvania Review  
6 Board for Interscholastic Athletics in the Department of  
7 Education.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an  
12 article to read:

13 ARTICLE XXVI-I.

14 PENNSYLVANIA REVIEW BOARD

15 FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

16 Section 2601-I. Definitions.--When used in this article,  
17 "advisory board" or "board" shall mean the Pennsylvania Review  
18 Board for Interscholastic Athletics established in section 2602-  
19 I.

Section 2602-I. Board Established.--An advisory board to oversee any organization which administers or regulates interscholastic athletics in Pennsylvania is hereby established in the Department of Education. The board shall be known as the Pennsylvania Review Board for Interscholastic Athletics.

Section 2603-I. Purpose.--The purpose of the board shall be to review and oversee any actions taken by any organization which administers or regulates interscholastic athletics in Pennsylvania and to ensure fair and equal treatment of schools and the students that participate in interscholastic sports programs.

Section 2604-I. Membership.--(a) The advisory board shall consist of eleven members.

(b) One member shall be the Secretary of Education. One member shall be an appointee of the Secretary of Education, known as the Education Advisor, who shall have served as one or more of the following: principal, assistant principal, superintendent, assistant superintendent, or athletic director, of an accredited Pennsylvania school district.

(c) Five members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Education to represent the regions which are consolidated districts of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). Each region shall submit a list of nominees to the Secretary of Education who shall appoint one member from each list. The nominees from these regions shall be members of one of the district committees within the region and shall be selected by all of the district committees of that region. The regions are as follows:

(1) Region One shall consist of District I and District XI.

(2) Region Two shall consist of District II and District IV.

1     (3) Region Three shall consist of District III and District  
2 VI.

3     (4) Region Four shall consist of District IX and District X.

4     (5) Region Five shall consist of District V, District VII  
5 and District VIII.

6     (6) Philadelphia County shall remain as part of Region One  
7 regardless of its district status.

8     (d) Four members of the board shall be members of the  
9 General Assembly as follows: one senator, appointed by the  
10 Majority Leader of the Senate; one senator, appointed by the  
11 Minority Leader of the Senate; one representative, appointed by  
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one representative  
13 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
14 Representatives.

15     Section 2605-I. Terms.--The term of the Education Advisor  
16 shall be four years. The Education Advisor is eligible for  
17 reappointment. The terms of the regional representatives shall  
18 be four years. Appointments shall be made to fill the seat on  
19 the advisory board from each region. Incumbent regional  
20 representatives to the advisory board are eligible for  
21 reappointment. The legislative members shall serve on the board  
22 for the duration of the terms for which they were elected.

23     Section 2606-I. Chairperson.--The eleven members of the  
24 advisory board shall elect a chairperson of the board every two  
25 years in a secret ballot election. The election of the  
26 chairperson shall be held after all seats on the advisory board  
27 are filled and before the powers of the advisory board become  
28 effective. The first chairperson shall be elected to serve until  
29 the commencement of the next session of the General Assembly.  
30 Thereafter, the chairperson shall serve for two years.

1     Section 2607-I. Powers.--All rules, guidelines and decisions  
2 established by any organization which administers or regulates  
3 interscholastic athletics in this Commonwealth shall be subject  
4 to the approval of the advisory board by a majority vote. Any  
5 ruling by the control board of any organization which  
6 administers or regulates interscholastic athletics in this  
7 Commonwealth on an appeal that is made from a district committee  
8 may be appealed to the advisory board.

9     Section 2608-I. Effective Dates.--Appointments to the  
10 advisory board shall be made by March 1 in the year following  
11 the enactment of this article. The powers of the advisory board  
12 shall become effective beginning July 1 following the  
13 establishment of the advisory board.

14     Section 2609-I. Compensation.--Members of the advisory board  
15 shall serve without remuneration except for reimbursement for  
16 travel expenses and actual expenses incurred in connection with  
17 their official duties.

18     Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.