

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 16, 2013

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," in duties and powers of boards of
6 school directors, further providing for school athletics,
7 publications and organizations.

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

10 Section 1. Section 511(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
12 amended April 14, 1949 (P.L.460, No.85), is amended and the
13 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 511. School Athletics, Publications, and
15 Organizations.--

16 (a) The board of school directors in every school district
17 shall prescribe, adopt, and enforce such reasonable rules and
18 regulations as it may deem proper, regarding (1) the management,
19 supervision, control, or prohibition of exercises, athletics, or
20 games of any kind, school publications, debating, forensic,

1 dramatic, musical, and other activities related to the school
2 program, including raising and disbursing funds for any or all
3 of such purposes and for scholarships, and (2) the organization,
4 management, supervision, control, financing, or prohibition of
5 organizations, clubs, societies and groups of the members of any
6 class or school, and may provide for the suspension, dismissal,
7 or other reasonable penalty in the case of any appointee,
8 professional or other employe, or pupil who violates any of such
9 rules or regulations. The board shall provide for the inclusion
10 in any of these activities any student who lives within the
11 school district, attends a private or nonpublic school and
12 elects to participate in such public school activities that are
13 not offered by the private or nonpublic school. The student
14 shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to
15 students enrolled in the school district relating to such
16 activities.

17 (a.1) (1) The board of school directors shall not restrict
18 inclusion of a student who lives within the school district but
19 is enrolled in a charter or cyber charter school, private or
20 nonpublic school or participating in a home education program in
21 an activity in accordance with subsection (a) by making the
22 activity or converting the activity to be part of the regular
23 school curriculum or by granting credit toward graduation
24 requirements for participation.

25 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
26 preclude a school district from providing a public school
27 student with credit for participation in such activities.

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