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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JULY 30, 2020

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in terms and courses of study, further providing for physical education.

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

Section 1. Section 1512.1 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to read:

Section 1512.1. Physical Education and Substitution with Other Activities.--(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), the board of school directors in every school district shall establish a curriculum aligned with Pennsylvania academic standards on health, safety and physical education that pursuant to 22 Pa. Code § 4.27 (relating to physical education and athletics), requires pupils enrolled in the district to participate in
physical education.

(b) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, for students in grades seven through twelve, the board of school directors shall allow substitution of physical education credit for participation in interscholastic sports, marching band, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and extracurricular activities sponsored by and held in the district but that are not part of the required school curriculum.

(c) The Department of Education shall, in consultation with not less than twenty (20) district superintendents, promulgate regulations to implement subsection (b).

Section 2. This amendatory act may be referred to as the Physical Education Supplementation Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.