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, providing for sports and extracurricular activities during COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

Section 1501.10. Sports and Extracurricular Activities During COVID-19 Pandemic.--(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing authority of a school entity or nonpublic school shall have the exclusive authority to determine
whether to hold school sports activities, including competitions, intramural play and scrimmages, and other in-person extracurricular activities during the 2020-2021 school year.

(b) A school entity shall develop an athletic, health and safety plan addressing school sports and other in-person extracurricular activities during the 2020-2021 school year. A school entity shall determine and include the following in the plan:

1. Safety protocols for permitting visitors and spectators to attend sports and in-person extracurricular activities.
2. Limits on gatherings for indoor and outdoor sports and in-person extracurricular activities to ensure social distancing.
3. Protocols for sports consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Considerations for Youth Sports.
4. Methods of ensuring that social distancing and other safety measures are in place for students, staff and spectators.

(c) A school entity shall post the athletic, health and safety plan on its publicly accessible Internet website and submit the plan to the Department of Education. A school entity may amend the athletic, health and safety plan as needed.

(d) A nonpublic school may develop an athletic, health and safety plan.

(e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school.
Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.