AN ACT

1 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 SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SPREAD OF COVID-19; AND, in terms and courses of study, providing for sports and extracurricular activities during COVID-19 pandemic.

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

11 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

14 SECTION 1416.1. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SPREAD OF COVID-19.--

15 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY DESIGNATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT
TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL,
NO PERSON HAVING ANY FORM OF COVID-19 IN A TRANSMISSIBLE STAGE
MAY BE PERMITTED INSIDE A SCHOOL ENTITY OR TO PARTICIPATE IN
PERSON IN ANY SPORTS OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. THE
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE
FURTHER GUIDANCE TO SCHOOL ENTITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS
OF THIS SECTION.

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.

(5) RULES THAT WILL BE ENFORCED TO ENSURE THAT THE

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REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1416.1 ARE MET.

(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) (D) 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, nonpublic school, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.