

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TRELLO, LESCOVITZ, HERMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, MELIO, OLASZ, RAMOS
AND VAN HORNE, APRIL 14, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 14, 1997

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," providing for qualifications for
6 athletic directors.

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

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

12 Section 511.1. Athletic Director Qualifications.--(a) Every
13 athletic director employed by a public school or a private
14 school which is a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic
15 Athletic Association shall meet the following qualifications:

16 (1) Possess a valid Instructional I or II Certificate.

17 (2) (i) Have a minimum of five (5) years teaching
18 experience at the elementary or secondary level when at least
19 one-half of the applicant's duties were teaching;

1 (ii) possess a degree in sports administration or sports
2 management; or

3 (iii) have a National Interscholastic Athletic
4 Administrators Association designation as a Certified Athletic
5 Administrator.

6 (b) All athletic directors shall, at least every two (2)
7 years, participate in continuing sports administration
8 education, workshops or seminars.

9 (c) The qualifications of subsection (a) shall be applicable
10 to any individual hired after the effective date of this
11 section. Any individual employed as an athletic director on the
12 effective date of this section and who does not possess the
13 qualifications in subsection (a) shall be considered qualified
14 to be employed as an athletic director.

15 (d) Every athletic director hired after the effective date
16 of this act shall be properly certificated by the Department of
17 Education in accordance with this section and standards as the
18 State Board of Education may establish.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.