
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 313 Session of
1998

INTRODUCED BY STAIRS, STEVENSON, BATTISTO, CURRY, BELARDI,
DeWEESE, HALUSKA, READSHAW, LAUGHLIN, FICHTER, SATHER, BAKER,
MELIO, BELFANTI, GEIST, RUBLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, WILT,
L. I. COHEN, E. Z. TAYLOR, SAYLOR, STABACK, TRELLO AND
SHANER, JANUARY 12, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 12, 1998

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the National Collegiate Athletic Association to adopt an
2 alternative policy to be used in establishing appropriate
3 standards for postsecondary athletic scholarship and
4 participation eligibility.

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives supports
6 the concept that appropriate secondary and graduation standards
7 be used to determine eligibility for participation in
8 postsecondary athletic activities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives believes
10 that these academic standards are best set at the state and
11 local level rather than by National Collegiate Athletic
12 Association decision makers; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives further
14 believes that the National Collegiate Athletic Association
15 should have a limited role in assessing the value of an
16 individual school district's curriculum; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives believes

1 the current National Collegiate Athletic Association mechanism
2 substantially interferes with efforts by local districts and
3 state government to adopt strong educational standards and to
4 design, fund and monitor educational reform initiatives that
5 will benefit the learning of all students of this Commonwealth;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives believes
8 that errors have been made by the National Collegiate Athletic
9 Association in disapproving eligibility for athletic
10 scholarships for many students across the United States who have
11 met the rigorous standards established by their respective
12 states and local school districts; and

13 WHEREAS, These errors made by the National Collegiate
14 Athletic Association are due to a national private organization
15 whose primary role is not closely connected to secondary
16 academic standards assuming the role that states and local
17 districts should appropriately assume in setting rigorous
18 academic standards; and

19 WHEREAS, As a result of this flawed decision making by the
20 National Collegiate Athletic Association, numerous students
21 across the United States who have rightfully met all state laws
22 and rules relating to academic and athletic requirements have
23 been precluded from receiving the scholarships often necessary
24 for them to attend college; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania House of Representatives urge
26 the National Collegiate Athletic Association to adopt an
27 alternative policy to be used in establishing appropriate
28 standards for postsecondary athletic scholarship and
29 participation eligibility; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 Eugene F. Corrigan, President of the National Collegiate
2 Athletic Association, 6011 Landmark Center, Greensboro, North
3 Carolina 27407 and Cedric W. Dempsey, Executive Director of the
4 National Collegiate Athletic Association, 6201 College
5 Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66211.