

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 624 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, PICCOLA, PILEGGI, BAKER, BROWNE, EARLL,
EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FERLO, GREENLEAF, LEACH, LOGAN,
O'PAKE, ORIE, RAFFERTY, SMUCKER, WASHINGTON, WAUGH AND
WONDERLING, MARCH 16, 2009

SENATOR PICCOLA, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, APRIL 21, 2009

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," further providing for school
6 athletics, publications and organizations.

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

9 Section 1. Section 511(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended April 14, 1949 (P.L.460, No.85), is amended AND THE
12 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION to read:

13 Section 511. School Athletics, Publications, and
14 Organizations.--

15 (a) The board of school directors in every school district
16 shall prescribe, adopt, and enforce such reasonable rules and
17 regulations as it may deem proper, regarding (1) the management,
18 supervision, control, or prohibition of exercises, athletics, or
19 games of any kind, school publications, debating, forensic,

1 dramatic, musical, and other activities related to the school
2 program, including raising and disbursing funds for any or all
3 of such purposes and for scholarships, ~~and~~ (2) the
4 organization, management, supervision, control, financing, or
5 prohibition of organizations, clubs, societies and groups of the
6 members of any class or school, and ~~may provide for~~ ~~(3)~~ the
7 suspension, dismissal, or other reasonable penalty in the case
8 of any appointee, professional or other employe, or pupil who
9 violates any of such rules or regulations. ~~The board shall~~
10 ~~provide for the inclusion in any of these activities any student~~
11 ~~who lives within the school district but attends a private or~~
12 ~~nonpublic school, who shall be subject to these same rules and~~
13 ~~regulations.~~ THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION IN ANY OF
14 THESE ACTIVITIES ANY STUDENT WHO LIVES WITHIN THE SCHOOL
15 DISTRICT, ATTENDS A PRIVATE OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND ELECTS TO
16 PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT
17 OFFERED BY THE PRIVATE OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL. THE STUDENT SHALL BE
18 SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO STUDENTS
19 ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATING TO SUCH ACTIVITIES.

20 (A.1) THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SHALL NOT RESTRICT
21 INCLUSIONS OF A STUDENT WHO LIVES WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT
22 IS ENROLLED IN A CHARTER OR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL, PRIVATE OR
23 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR PARTICIPATING IN A HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM,
24 IN AN ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) BY MAKING THE
25 ACTIVITY OR CONVERTING THE ACTIVITY TO BE PART OF THE REGULAR
26 SCHOOL CURRICULUM OR BY GRANTING CREDIT TOWARD GRADUATION
27 REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL
28 PRECLUDE A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM PROVIDING A PUBLIC SCHOOL
29 STUDENT WITH CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUCH ACTIVITIES.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.