

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 9, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study, issue a report and make recommendations on
3 the current status, management, structure, policies and
4 finances of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
5 Association.

6 WHEREAS, The stated function of the Pennsylvania
7 Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) is to develop and
8 enforce rules regulating interscholastic athletic competition
9 across this Commonwealth, which are authorized or adopted by
10 member schools; and

11 WHEREAS, PIAA membership consists of more than 1,400 member
12 schools, which include high schools and middle schools; and

13 WHEREAS, Membership is comprised of public, charter and
14 private schools; and

15 WHEREAS, The vast majority of member schools are publicly
16 funded; and

17 WHEREAS, More than 350,000 students participate in
18 interscholastic athletics at all levels of competition under

1 PIAA jurisdiction; and

2 WHEREAS, There have been consistent concerns voiced by
3 numerous individuals throughout this Commonwealth, most
4 importantly by parents and students, about the conduct,
5 procedures and policies of PIAA; and

6 WHEREAS, There have been serious questions raised about
7 PIAA's use of the competition classification formula and its
8 impact on the safety of student-athletes in this Commonwealth;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, A thorough study of PIAA has not been conducted in
11 over two decades; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
13 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study,
14 issue a report and make recommendations on the current status,
15 management, structure, policies and finances of the Pennsylvania
16 Interscholastic Athletic Association; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the study include an examination and review of
18 all of the following:

19 (1) The financial transactions of PIAA during the
20 previous five years.

21 (2) Broadcast agreements entered into by PIAA during the
22 previous five years.

23 (3) The name, image and likeness policy of PIAA.

24 (4) The competition classification formula used by PIAA.

25 (5) The transfer policy of PIAA.

26 (6) The process used to determine the location of State
27 championship games.

28 (7) The composition of the board of directors of PIAA
29 and the feasibility of the addition of State departmental and
30 legislative appointees to the board of directors.

1 (8) The expansion and enhancement of the oversight
2 authority of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
5 prepare a report of its findings and recommendations in the
6 study and submit the report to the General Assembly no later
7 than 180 days after the adoption of this resolution.