

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," in duties and powers of boards of
6 school directors, further providing for school athletics,
7 publications and organizations and providing for private
8 schools, playoffs and championships.

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

11 Section 1. Section 511(b.1) of the act of March 10, 1949
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
13 amended to read:

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

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17 [(b.1) Private schools shall be permitted, if otherwise
18 qualified, to be members of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic
19 Athletic Association except that private schools located in
20 cities of the second class which are members of the Pennsylvania

1 Interscholastic Athletic Association shall, if they so elect, be
2 assigned to a district or section outside of the geographical
3 boundary of the second class city but contiguous thereto, and
4 shall participate in Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
5 Association sponsored athletic contests in that section. The
6 association shall not prohibit a private school from being a
7 member solely on the grounds that the coach or a member of the
8 coaching staff of any athletic team is not a teacher, or
9 professional employe, either full-time or part-time, at such
10 private school, except that this provision shall not apply to
11 coaches or members of the coaching staff initially employed
12 after January 1, 1965.]

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14 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 511.1. Private Schools, Playoffs, and
16 Championships.--

17 (a) Private schools shall be permitted, if otherwise
18 qualified, to be members of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic
19 Athletic Association except that private schools located in
20 cities of the second class which are members of the Pennsylvania
21 Interscholastic Athletic Association shall, if they so elect, be
22 assigned to a district or section outside of the geographical
23 boundary of the second class city but contiguous thereto, and
24 shall participate in Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
25 Association sponsored athletic contests in that district or
26 section. The association shall not prohibit a private school
27 from being a member solely on the grounds that the coach or a
28 member of the coaching staff of any athletic team is not a
29 teacher or professional employe, either full-time or part-time,
30 at such private school, except that this provision shall not

1 apply to coaches or members of the coaching staff initially
2 employed after January 1, 1965.

3 (b) For the purposes of playoffs and awarding championships,
4 the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association shall
5 establish separate playoff systems and championships for
6 athletics for public schools and private schools admitted under
7 subsection (a).

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