

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL****No. 454** Session of  
1989

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, APRIL 24, 1989

## 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," prohibiting the use of anabolic~~  
6 ~~steroids in school athletics.~~

7 REQUIRING SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF STEROIDS BY <—  
8 PUPILS INVOLVED IN ATHLETICS; REQUIRING EDUCATION REGARDING  
9 THE USE OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS; REQUIRING PENALTIES FOR  
10 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS; AND PROVIDING FOR  
11 DISPENSING ANABOLIC STEROIDS AND FOR PRESCRIPTIONS FOR  
12 ANABOLIC STEROIDS.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 ~~Section 1. Section 511(a) of the act of March 10, 1949~~ <—  
16 ~~(P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,~~  
17 ~~amended April 14, 1949 (P.L.460, No.85) and April 22, 1949~~  
18 ~~(P.L.726, No.178), is amended and the section is amended by~~  
19 ~~adding a subsection to read:~~

20 ~~Section 511. School Athletics, Publications, and~~  
21 ~~Organizations.—~~

22 ~~(a) The board of school directors in every school district~~

1 shall prescribe, adopt, and enforce such reasonable rules and  
2 regulations as it may deem proper, regarding (1) the management,  
3 supervision, control, or prohibition of exercises, athletics, or  
4 games of any kind, school publications, debating, forensic,  
5 dramatic, musical, and other activities related to the school  
6 program, including raising and disbursing funds for any or all  
7 of such purposes and for scholarships, and (2) the organization,  
8 management, supervision, control, financing, or prohibition of  
9 organizations, clubs, societies and groups of the members of any  
10 class or school, and may provide for the suspension, dismissal,  
11 or other reasonable penalty in the case of any appointee,  
12 professional or other employe, or pupil who violates any of such  
13 rules or regulations or this section.

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15 (g) The use of anabolic steroids by any pupil involved in  
16 school related athletics is prohibited.

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

18 SECTION 1. SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO PROHIBIT STEROIDS. <—

19 THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN  
20 THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL PRESCRIBE, ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES AND  
21 REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS, EXCEPT FOR  
22 A VALID MEDICAL PURPOSE, BY ANY PUPIL INVOLVED IN SCHOOL-RELATED  
23 ATHLETICS. BODY BUILDING, MUSCLE ENHANCEMENT, INCREASING MUSCLE  
24 BULK OR STRENGTH OR THE ENHANCEMENT OF ATHLETIC ABILITY IS NOT A  
25 VALID MEDICAL PURPOSE.

26 SECTION 2. EDUCATION REGARDING STEROID USE.

27 THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL  
28 INCLUDE EDUCATION REGARDING THE DANGERS OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS  
29 WITH ANY OTHER DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM REQUIRED BY LAW.

30 SECTION 3. PENALTIES.

1 (A) VIOLATIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.--THE BOARD OF  
2 SCHOOL DIRECTORS SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM PENALTIES  
3 FOR ANY PUPIL FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
4 REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 1:

5 (1) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL  
6 ATHLETICS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

7 (2) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL  
8 ATHLETICS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AND FOR THE  
9 FOLLOWING SEASON.

10 (3) FOR A THIRD VIOLATION, PERMANENT SUSPENSION FROM  
11 SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

12 (B) ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
13 LIMITED.--NO STUDENT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RESUME PARTICIPATION  
14 IN SCHOOL ATHLETICS UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN A MEDICAL  
15 DETERMINATION THAT NO RESIDUAL EVIDENCE OF STEROIDS EXISTS. THE  
16 BOARD MAY REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN ANY DRUG COUNSELING,  
17 REHABILITATION, TESTING OR OTHER PROGRAM AS A CONDITION OF  
18 REINSTATEMENT INTO A SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

19 SECTION 4. VIOLATIONS.

20 NO PHYSICIAN, OR OTHER PERSON REGULATED BY THE ACT OF  
21 DECEMBER 20, 1985 (P.L.457, NO.112), KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL  
22 PRACTICE ACT OF 1985, SHALL DISPENSE, INJECT OR PRESCRIBE AN  
23 ANABOLIC STEROID FOR THE PURPOSE OF HORMONAL MANIPULATION  
24 INTENDED TO INCREASE MUSCLE MASS, STRENGTH, WEIGHT WITHOUT A  
25 MEDICAL NECESSITY TO DO SO, OR FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF  
26 IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN ANY FORM OF EXERCISE, SPORT OR GAME.  
27 THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE SHALL PROMULGATE GUIDELINES  
28 PROVIDING SPECIFIC PERIODS OF LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION  
29 FOR DISPENSING, INJECTING OR PRESCRIBING ANABOLIC STEROIDS IN  
30 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 5. PRESCRIPTIONS.

2 ANY PRESCRIPTION FOR AN ANABOLIC STEROID WRITTEN IN THIS  
3 COMMONWEALTH SHALL STATE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE DRUG IS  
4 PRESCRIBED.

5 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

6 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.