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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 454**      Session of  
1989

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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, SHAFFER, ANDREZESKI, WENGER, SALVATORE,  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 5, 1989

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AN ACT

1 Requiring school directors to prohibit the use of steroids by  
2 pupils involved in athletics; requiring education regarding  
3 the use of anabolic steroids; requiring penalties for  
4 unauthorized use of anabolic steroids; and providing for  
5 dispensing anabolic steroids and for prescriptions for  
6 anabolic steroids.

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

9 Section 1. School directors to prohibit steroids.

10 The board of school directors in every school district in  
11 this Commonwealth shall prescribe, adopt and enforce rules and  
12 regulations to prohibit the use of anabolic steroids, except for  
13 a valid medical purpose, by any pupil involved in school-related  
14 athletics. Body building, muscle enhancement, increasing muscle  
15 bulk or strength or the enhancement of athletic ability is not a  
16 valid medical purpose. HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE (HGH) SHALL NOT BE ←—  
17 INCLUDED AS AN ANABOLIC STEROID UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
18 ACT.

1 Section 2. Education regarding steroid use.

2 The board of school directors in every school district shall  
3 include education regarding the dangers of anabolic steroids  
4 with any other drug and alcohol program required by law.

5 Section 3. Penalties.

6 (a) Violations of rules and regulations.--The board of  
7 school directors shall prescribe the following minimum penalties  
8 for any pupil found in violation of the rules and regulations  
9 required under section 1:

10 (1) For a first violation, suspension from school  
11 athletics for the remainder of the season.

12 (2) For a second violation, suspension from school  
13 athletics for the remainder of the season and for the  
14 following season.

15 (3) For a third violation, permanent suspension from  
16 school athletics.

17 (b) Eligibility for participation in school athletics  
18 limited.--No student shall be eligible to resume participation  
19 in school athletics unless there has been a medical  
20 determination that no residual evidence of steroids exists. The  
21 board may require participation in any drug counseling,  
22 rehabilitation, testing or other program as a condition of  
23 reinstatement into a school athletic program.

24 Section 4. Violations.

25 No physician, or other person regulated by the act of  
26 December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical  
27 Practice Act of 1985, shall dispense, inject or prescribe an  
28 anabolic steroid for the purpose of hormonal manipulation  
29 intended to increase muscle mass, strength, weight without a  
30 medical necessity to do so, or for the intended purpose of

1 improving performance in any form of exercise, sport or game.  
2 The State Board of Medicine shall promulgate guidelines  
3 providing specific periods of license suspension or revocation  
4 for dispensing, injecting or prescribing anabolic steroids in  
5 violation of this section.

6 Section 5. Prescriptions.

7 Any prescription for an anabolic steroid written in this  
8 Commonwealth shall state the purpose for which the drug is  
9 prescribed.

10 Section 6. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.