
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SONNEY, DENLINGER, J. EVANS, FLECK, FRANKEL,
HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, MILLARD, MOUL, PICKETT,
PYLE, REED, REICHLEY, SOLOBAY, SWANGER AND J. TAYLOR,
FEBRUARY 28, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

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," providing for restriction on
6 participation in extracurricular activities.

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

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 1317.4. Restriction on Participation in
13 Extracurricular Activities.--(a) A school district shall
14 suspend a student from participation in an extracurricular
15 activity if the student is convicted or adjudicated delinquent
16 of any offense under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64),
17 known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic
18 Act." The length of the suspension shall be established by
19 school policy.

1 (b) As used in this section, the term "extracurricular
2 activity" means:

3 (1) An activity covered by the provisions of section 511
4 which meets the following criteria:

5 (i) The activity is sponsored or approved by the board of
6 school directors.

7 (ii) The activity is not offered for credit toward
8 graduation.

9 (iii) The activity is conducted partially or entirely
10 outside the regular instructional day schedule.

11 (iv) The activity is available to any student enrolled in a
12 school within the school district who voluntarily elects to
13 participate and be subject to the eligibility requirements of
14 the activity.

15 (2) A school district's program of interscholastic
16 athletics, including varsity sports, shall be deemed
17 extracurricular in nature and shall include all activities
18 relating to competitive sports contests, games, events or
19 exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students
20 of the school district whenever the activities occur between
21 schools within a district or with schools outside the district.

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