

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SABATINA, COSTA, BAKER, FONTANA, DINNIMAN,
BARTOLOTTA AND RAFFERTY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

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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 school health services, providing
6 for cardiac assessments of participants in extracurricular
7 athletic activities.

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

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

13 Section 1425. Cardiac Assessments of Participants in
14 Extracurricular Athletic Activities.--(a) A school district
15 shall require a student who is required under rule or policy of
16 the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association to receive
17 a physical examination before being allowed to participate in an
18 athletic activity sponsored or sanctioned by the Pennsylvania
19 Interscholastic Athletic Association to also have administered
20 to the student an electrocardiogram before being allowed to

1 participate in the activity, including a practice for the
2 activity, as follows:

3 (1) one time before the student's first year of
4 participation; and

5 (2) another time before the student's third year of
6 participation.

7 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating a
8 cause of action or liability against an appropriately licensed
9 or certified health care professional, a school district or a
10 district officer or employe for the injury or death of a student
11 participating in or practicing for an athletic activity
12 sponsored or sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic
13 Athletic Association based on or in connection with the
14 administration or evaluation of or reliance on an
15 electrocardiogram or on any echocardiogram.

16 (c) The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association
17 shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section,
18 including a rule for granting a waiver from administration of an
19 electrocardiogram under this section to a student if, for any
20 reason, the parent of or person standing in parental relation to
21 the student submits a written request for the waiver.

22 Section 2. This act shall apply to the 2016-2017 school year
23 and each school year thereafter.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.