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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 terms and courses of study,  
6 further providing for physical education.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1512.1 of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1512.1. Physical Education.--(a) The board of  
13 school directors in every school district shall establish a  
14 curriculum aligned with Pennsylvania academic standards on  
15 health, safety and physical education that pursuant to 22 Pa.  
16 Code § 4.27 (relating to physical education and athletics),  
17 requires pupils enrolled in the district to participate in  
18 physical education.

19 (b) The board of school directors shall permit students to  
20 satisfy the physical education curriculum requirement under

1 subsection (a) by participation in an interscholastic sport. A  
2 student may utilize participation in an interscholastic sport to  
3 satisfy the physical education requirement twice per school  
4 year, the utilization of which must be during the  
5 interscholastic sport's season.

6 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
7 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
8 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Interscholastic sport" shall mean athletic contests or  
10 competitions conducted between or among schools.

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