
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 517 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY YAW AND GORDNER, APRIL 1, 2021

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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 duties and powers of boards of
6 school directors, providing for school athletic playoffs and
7 championships.

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 511.1. School Athletic Playoffs and Championships.--

14 (a) (1) No student who attends a boundary school may compete
15 in a school athletic playoff or championship that is sponsored,
16 sanctioned or approved by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic
17 Athletic Association in which a student from a non-boundary
18 school competes.

19 (2) The board of school directors of a school district shall
20 enforce the provisions of this subsection as they relate to
21 students who attend a boundary school in the school district.

1 (b) (1) No student who attends a non-boundary school may
2 compete in a school athletic playoff or championship that is
3 sponsored, sanctioned or approved by the Pennsylvania
4 Interscholastic Athletic Association in which a student from a
5 boundary school competes.

6 (2) The governing body of the non-boundary school shall
7 enforce the provisions of this section as they relate to
8 students who attend the non-boundary school.

9 (c) No boundary school or non-boundary school may be a
10 member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association
11 if membership in the association would prevent or impair the
12 duty of the board of school directors of the boundary school or
13 governing body of the non-boundary school to enforce the
14 provisions of this section.

15 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
17 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Athletic playoff or championship" shall mean an athletic
19 event or contest in which students from boundary schools, non-
20 boundary schools, or both, are invited to compete that occurs
21 after the regular season for the top competitors or teams of a
22 conference, division, region or similar unit of organization, or
23 between conferences, divisions, regions or similar units of
24 organization, to determine the champion or a similar accolade
25 for the conference, division, region or similar unit of
26 organization or for the conferences, divisions, regions, similar
27 units of organization or this Commonwealth as a whole.

28 "Boundary school" shall mean a school of a school district
29 governed by a board of school directors duly elected in
30 accordance with this act and the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,

1 No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code."

2 "Non-boundary school" shall mean a school that is not a
3 boundary school.

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