
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY STRUZZI, M. BROWN, ARMANINI AND FLICK,
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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 broadcast of interscholastic
7 athletic competitions.

8 This act may be referred to as The Fair Play Broadcasting
9 Act.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

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

15 Section 525.1. Broadcast of Interscholastic Athletic
16 Competitions.--(a) Notwithstanding any policy of the
17 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, in any
18 interscholastic athletic competition in this Commonwealth, the
19 visiting team for a school entity shall have the same rights to
20 provide radio broadcasting, video streaming and telegraphic

1 play-by-play accounts as the home team for a school entity if
2 the visiting team meets any of the following criteria:

3 (1) The visiting team has a valid agreement to provide radio
4 broadcasting, video streaming or telegraphic play-by-play
5 accounts between a media organization and the board of school
6 directors of the school entity.

7 (2) The visiting team has a curricular program for secondary
8 school students that typically provides radio broadcasting,
9 video streaming or telegraphic play-by-play for the visiting
10 team's home games.

11 (b) The provisions of this section shall apply to
12 interscholastic athletic competitions beginning in the 2023-2024
13 school year.

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

17 "Interscholastic athletic competition" shall mean an athletic
18 competition conducted between or among school entities situated
19 in counties of the second class, second class A, third class,
20 fourth class, fifth class, sixth class, seventh class and eighth
21 class.

22 "Nonpublic school" shall mean a school, other than a public
23 school within this Commonwealth, where a resident of this
24 Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
25 attendance requirements of this act and Title VI of the Civil
26 Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

27 "School entity" shall mean a public school, school district,
28 nonpublic school or private school in this Commonwealth, other
29 than a private or nonpublic school which elects not to become a
30 member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association,

1 that provides interscholastic athletic competition opportunities
2 for secondary school students.

3 "Secondary school student" shall mean a student who attends a
4 school entity in grades seven through twelve.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.