

Senate Bill 617

Sponsor: Senator Joseph S. Mack

Committee: Education and Mental Health

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 617 as introduced 10-18-89:

The bill would amend the School Code to prohibit a school board from joining or belonging to an organization, association, or league that had a maximum age limit on pupil eligibility for participation in certain events, and prohibit such an association from adopting or enforcing regulations that set a maximum age limit for participation in interscholastic athletic events.

Under the Code, a school board may join an organization, association, or league that promotes and regulates sport and athletic, oratorical, musical, dramatic, creative arts, or other contests by or between pupils if the organization, association, or league provides by its constitution or bylaws that a representative of the State Board of Education is an ex officio member of the organization. The Code also permits a school board to join an organization, created pursuant to this provision, whose purpose is the promotion of sport and the adoption of rules for the conduct of athletic contests between students. The bill would prohibit a school board from joining or belonging to such a group or organization that had a maximum age limitation on eligibility of pupils for participation in those contests.

The Code also specifies that an association established for the purpose of organizing and conducting athletic events, contests, or tournaments among schools is the official association of the State. That association, under the Code, is responsible for the adoption and enforcement of regulations concerning the eligibility of students for participation in interscholastic athletic events, contests, or tournaments. The bill would prohibit such an association from adopting or enforcing a regulation that established a maximum age for eligibility of pupils and athletes in schools for participation in interscholastic athletic events, contests, or tournaments.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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