

SENATE BILL No. 784

March 4, 1992, Introduced by Senators MILLER, BERRYMAN, WARTNER, DI NELLO, EHLERS, VAUGHN, DE GROW, HART, CISKY, CHERRY, SCHWARZ and O'BRIEN and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend sections 1289 and 1521 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being sections 380.1289 and 380.1521 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 1289 and 1521 of Act No. 451 of the
2 Public Acts of 1976, being sections 380.1289 and 380.1521 of the
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1289. (1) A board of a school district may join an
5 organization, association, or league which has as its object the
6 promotion and regulation of sport and athletic, oratorical, musi-
7 cal, dramatic, creative arts, or other contests by or between
8 pupils if the organization, association, or league provides in
9 its constitution or bylaws that a representative of the state

1 board shall be an ex officio member of its governing body with
2 the same rights and privileges as other members of its governing
3 body.

4 (2) An association established for the purpose of organizing
5 and conducting athletic events, contests, or tournaments among
6 schools shall be the official association of the state. The
7 association shall be responsible for the adoption and enforcement
8 of regulations relative to eligibility of pupils in schools for
9 participation in interscholastic athletic events, contests, or
10 tournaments. HOWEVER, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A PUPIL
11 OR TEAM FROM PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC EVENT,
12 CONTEST, OR TOURNAMENT FOR CONDUCT PROHIBITED BY A REGULATION OF
13 THE ASSOCIATION UNLESS THE PUPIL OR TEAM HAS KNOWINGLY ENGAGED IN
14 THE CONDUCT IN ORDER TO CREATE A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FOR THE
15 PUPIL OR TEAM.

16 (3) Female pupils shall be permitted to participate in all
17 noncontact interscholastic athletic activities, including
18 archery, badminton, baseball, bowling, fencing, golf, gymnastics,
19 riflery, shuffleboard, skiing, swimming, diving, table tennis,
20 track and field, and tennis. If a school has a girls' team in a
21 noncontact interscholastic athletic activity, a female shall be
22 permitted to compete for a position on any other team for that
23 activity. This subsection shall not be construed to prevent or
24 interfere with the selection of competing teams solely on the
25 basis of athletic ability.

26 Sec. 1521. A board may join an organization created
27 pursuant to section 1289 which has as its object the promotion of

1 sport and the adoption of rules for the conduct of athletic
2 contests between students. The association is the official asso-
3 ciation of the state for the purpose of organizing and conducting
4 athletic events, contests, and tournaments among schools. The
5 association shall be responsible for the adoption and enforcement
6 of regulations relative to eligibility of athletes in schools for
7 participation in interscholastic athletic events, contests, and
8 tournaments. HOWEVER, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A PUPIL
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