

Legislative Analysis



SCHOOL ATHLETICS STEROIDS POLICY

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House Bill 5869

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Acciavatti

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5869 AS INTRODUCED 5-12-04

House Bill 5869 would amend the Revised School Code to require the Department of Education to develop and make available to school districts (including charter schools) a state policy concerning students' use of anabolic steroids or dietary supplements to enhance athletic performance.

Under the bill, a student who was found to have taken an anabolic steroid or a dietary supplement that contained a performance-enhancing compound would be ineligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic activity sponsored by a school district. The bill would require the officials who serve on local school boards, and on the boards of directors of public school academies, adopt and implement the state policy. Finally, the bill would define the terms "dietary supplement" and "performance-enhancing compound" as they are defined in section 1317 of the code. [There, "dietary supplement" means that term as defined in section 201 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, Chapter 675, 52 Stat.1040, 21 USC 321. Further, "performance-enhancing compound" means a manufactured product for oral ingestion, intranasal application, or inhalation that meets both of the following: (i) contains a stimulant, amino acid, hormone precursor, herb or other botanical, or any other substance that is not an essential vitamin or mineral; and (ii) is intended to increase athletic or intellectual performance, promote muscle growth, or increase an individual's endurance or capacity for exercise."]

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5869 will have a minimal cost impact to the State. The additional cost to the Department of Education would be for the development of the plan and making available the plan to all school districts and public school academies.

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