

SENATE BILL No. 617

October 18, 1989, Introduced by Senator MACK and referred to the Committee on Education and Mental Health.

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~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS
5 SUBSECTION, A board of a school district may join an organi-
6 zation, association, or league ~~which~~ THAT has as its object the
7 promotion and regulation of sport and athletic, oratorical,
8 musical, dramatic, creative arts, or other contests by or between
9 pupils if the organization, association, or league provides in

1 its constitution or bylaws that a representative of the state
2 board shall be an ex officio member of its governing body with
3 the same rights and privileges as other members of its governing
4 body. A BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT JOIN OR BELONG TO
5 AN ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEAGUE THAT HAS A MAXIMUM AGE
6 LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY OF PUPILS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THOSE
7 CONTESTS.

8 (2) An association established for the purpose of organizing
9 and conducting athletic events, contests, or tournaments among
10 schools shall be the official association of the state. The
11 association shall be responsible for the adoption and enforcement
12 of regulations relative to eligibility of pupils in schools for
13 participation in interscholastic athletic events, contests, or
14 tournaments. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE A REGU-
15 LATION THAT ESTABLISHES A MAXIMUM AGE FOR ELIGIBILITY OF PUPILS
16 IN SCHOOLS FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC EVENTS,
17 CONTESTS, OR TOURNAMENTS.

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

1 Sec. 1521. (1) A board may join an organization created
2 pursuant to section 1289 ~~which~~ THAT has as its object the pro-
3 motion of sport and the adoption of rules for the conduct of ath-
4 letic contests between students. A BOARD SHALL NOT JOIN OR
5 BELONG TO THE ORGANIZATION CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1289 IF
6 THE ORGANIZATION HAS A MAXIMUM AGE LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY OF
7 STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THOSE CONTESTS.

8 (2) The association CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1289 THAT
9 HAS THE OBJECT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) is the official asso-
10 ciation of the state for the purpose of organizing and conducting
11 athletic events, contests, and tournaments among schools. The
12 association shall be responsible for the adoption and enforcement
13 of regulations relative to eligibility of athletes in schools for
14 participation in interscholastic athletic events, contests, and
15 tournaments. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE A REGU-
16 LATION THAT ESTABLISHES A MAXIMUM AGE FOR ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES
17 IN SCHOOLS FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC EVENTS,
18 CONTESTS, OR TOURNAMENTS.