

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 22, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study, issue a report and make recommendations on
3 the current status, management, structure, policies and
4 finances of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
5 Association.

6 WHEREAS, The stated function of the Pennsylvania
7 Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) is to develop and
8 enforce rules regulating interscholastic athletic competition
9 across this Commonwealth, which are authorized or adopted by
10 member schools; and

11 WHEREAS, PIAA membership consists of more than 1,400 member
12 schools, which include high schools and middle JUNIOR HIGH <--
13 schools; and

14 WHEREAS, Membership is comprised of public, charter and
15 private schools; and

16 WHEREAS, The vast majority of member schools are publicly
17 funded; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 350,000 students participate in

1 interscholastic athletics at all levels of competition under
2 PIAA jurisdiction; and

3 ~~WHEREAS, There have been consistent concerns voiced by~~ <--
4 ~~numerous individuals throughout this Commonwealth, most~~
5 ~~importantly by parents and students, about the conduct,~~
6 ~~procedures and policies of PIAA; and~~

7 ~~WHEREAS, There have been serious questions raised about~~
8 ~~PIAA's use of the competition classification formula and its~~
9 ~~impact on the safety of student athletes in this Commonwealth;~~
10 ~~and~~

11 WHEREAS, A thorough study of PIAA has not been conducted in
12 over two decades; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
14 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study,
15 issue a report and make recommendations on the current status,
16 management, structure, policies and finances of the Pennsylvania
17 Interscholastic Athletic Association; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the study include an examination and review, <--
19 IN COLLABORATION WITH A PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM THAT COMPILES
20 PIAA'S ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, of all of the
21 following:

22 ~~(1) The financial transactions of PIAA during the~~ <--
23 ~~previous five years.~~

24 (1) THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF PIAA AS REFLECTED ON <--
25 PIAA'S REGULARLY MAINTAINED ACCOUNTS WITH FINANCIAL
26 INSTITUTIONS OR AS DISCLOSED ON PIAA'S ANNUAL IRS FORM 990
27 AND ANY COMPANION FILINGS WITH THE BUREAU OF CHARITABLE
28 ORGANIZATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DURING THE PREVIOUS
29 THREE YEARS.

30 (2) Broadcast agreements entered into by PIAA during the

1 previous ~~five~~ FOUR years. <--

2 (3) The name, image and likeness policy of PIAA.

3 ~~(4) The competition classification formula used by PIAA.~~ <--

4 (4) WHEN AVAILABLE AFTER ACCEPTANCE BY PIAA MEMBER <--

5 SCHOOLS, THE REVISED COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION FORMULA USED

6 BY PIAA.

7 (5) The transfer policy of PIAA.

8 (6) ~~The process~~ REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS used to determine <--

9 the location of State championship games.

10 (7) The composition of the board of directors of PIAA

11 and the feasibility of RECOMMENDING TO PIAA the addition of <--

12 State departmental and legislative appointees to the board of

13 directors.

14 (8) The expansion and enhancement of the oversight

15 authority of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee;

16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE <--

18 ENSURE THAT COMMUNICATIONS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-

19 WORK PRODUCT DOCTRINE OR ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE ARE PROTECTED

20 DURING THE COURSE OF THE STUDY; AND BE IT FURTHER

21 RESOLVED, THAT THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY PIAA IN COOPERATING

22 WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE

23 PURPOSE OF THE STUDY NOT EXCEED \$25,000; AND BE IT FURTHER

24 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

25 prepare a report of its findings and recommendations in the

26 study and submit the report to the General Assembly no later

27 than 180 days after the adoption of this resolution.