

House Co-Sponsorship Memoranda

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From: [Representative Aaron Bernstine](#)
To: All House members
Subject: Parity in Interscholastic Athletics Act

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation implementing changes to the athletic playoff structure governed by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA).

This legislation is the result of months of negotiation with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the public school superintendent-led PA Athletic Equity Steering Committee.

It seeks to put student athletes first and promote fairness in the PIAA by creating a public and private school champion for team sports with statistical disparities, which will then meet for a final state championship. This legislation will eliminate the inconsistently interpreted and enforced transfer rule and increase parity on the PIAA's District Committees by ensuring each district accurately reflects the makeup of schools in that given area.

This legislation that has been endorsed by the PA Catholic Conference and the PA Equity Steering Committee will lead to a more open and beneficial system for our students.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this important legislation.