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## HOUSE BILL No. 1018

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**Citations Affected:** IC 20-5.

**Synopsis:** Interscholastic athletic associations. Provides that a school corporation may participate in interscholastic athletic events sponsored by an association only if the association: (1) exempts a student from the requirement that the student must complete a specific number of practices before competing in an interscholastic event if the student was unable to comply with the rule because the student was engaged in military training, passes a physical examination by a licensed physician who certifies that the student is in physical condition to participate in a specific named sport, and has the principal's permission to compete; and (2) establishes a case review panel composed of parents, high school principals, and athletic directors appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction to review cases referred to the panel by parents that concern the application or interpretation of a rule of the association to the parents' children and to make decisions that apply only to the individual cases brought to the panel. Establishes a study committee to study issues related to the governance of interscholastic athletics in Indiana and make recommendations on the subject.

**Effective:** July 1, 2000.

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**Grubb, Mannweiler, Porter, Linder,  
Ruppel, Adams T, Atterholt,  
Becker, Brown T, Buell, Dillon,  
Foley, Fry, Kuzman, Mock, Pond,  
Smith V, Steele, Stilwell, Ulmer,  
Young M**

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November 23, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
January 13, 2000, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
January 18, 2000, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1018

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-5-63 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2000]:  
4 **Chapter 63. Interscholastic Athletic Associations**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "association" means any**  
6 **organization that conducts, organizes, sanctions, or sponsors**  
7 **interscholastic high school athletic events as the organization's**  
8 **primary purpose.**  
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "case" refers to a decision of the**  
10 **association:**  
11 (1) **that concerns the application or interpretation of a rule of**  
12 **the association to an individual student; and**  
13 (2) **with which the student's parent disagrees.**  
14 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "panel" refers to the case review**  
15 **panel established under section 8 of this chapter.**  
16 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "parent" has the meaning set**  
17 **forth in IC 20-10.1-1-9.**

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1           **Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "state superintendent" refers to  
2 the state superintendent of public instruction.

3           **Sec. 6.** A school corporation may participate in an association  
4 or in an athletic event conducted, organized, sanctioned, or  
5 sponsored by an association only if the association complies with  
6 this chapter.

7           **Sec. 7.** An association must exempt a student from a rule of the  
8 association requiring a student to complete a specific number of  
9 practices before the student may participate in an interscholastic  
10 athletic event if all of the following occur:

11           (1) The student was unable to comply with the rule because  
12 the student was engaged in military training in the armed  
13 forces of the United States.

14           (2) The student has passed a physical examination by a  
15 licensed physician who certifies that the student is in physical  
16 condition to participate in interscholastic athletic events in a  
17 specific named sport.

18           (3) The principal of the student's school has given permission  
19 for the student to participate in the athletic event.

20           **Sec. 8. (a)** The association must establish a case review panel  
21 that meets the following requirements:

22           (1) The panel has nine (9) members.

23           (2) The state superintendent or the state superintendent's  
24 designee is a member of the panel and is the chairperson of  
25 the panel.

26           (3) The state superintendent shall appoint as members of the  
27 panel persons having the following qualifications:

28           (A) Four (4) parents of a high school student.

29           (B) Two (2) high school principals.

30           (C) Two (2) high school athletic directors.

31           (4) A member of the panel serves for a four (4) year term,  
32 subject to following:

33           (A) An appointee who ceases to meet the member's  
34 qualification under subdivision (3) ceases to be a member  
35 of the panel.

36           (B) The state superintendent shall appoint fifty percent  
37 (50%) of the initial appointees under in each clause in  
38 subdivision (3) for terms of two (2) years, so that terms of  
39 the panel are staggered.

40           (5) The panel must meet monthly, unless there are no cases  
41 before the panel. The panel may meet more frequently at the  
42 call of the chairperson. However, the chairperson must call a

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1 meeting within five (5) business days after the panel receives  
 2 a case in which time is a factor in relation to the scheduling of  
 3 an athletic competition.

4 (6) A quorum of the panel is five (5) members. The affirmative  
 5 vote of five (5) members of the panel is required for the panel  
 6 to take action.

7 (b) A student's parent who disagrees with a decision of the  
 8 association concerning the application or interpretation of a rule  
 9 of the association to the student shall have the right to do one (1) of  
 10 the following:

11 (1) Accept the decision.

12 (2) Take legal action without first referring the case to the  
 13 panel.

14 (3) Refer the case to the panel.

15 (c) Upon receipt of a case, the panel must do the following:

16 (1) Collect testimony and information on the case, including  
 17 testimony and information from both the association and the  
 18 parent.

19 (2) Place the case on the panel's agenda and consider the case  
 20 at a meeting of the panel.

21 (3) Make one (1) of the following decisions:

22 (A) Uphold the association's decision on the case.

23 (B) Modify the association's decision on the case.

24 (C) Nullify the association's decision on the case.

25 (d) The association must implement the decision of the panel on  
 26 each case. However, a decision of the panel:

27 (1) applies only to the case before the panel; and

28 (2) does not affect any rule of the association or decision  
 29 under any rule concerning any student other than the student  
 30 whose parent referred the case to the panel.

31 (e) The association shall pay all costs attributable to the  
 32 operation of the panel, including travel and per diem for panel  
 33 members.

34 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this  
 35 SECTION, "committee" refers to the interscholastic athletics study  
 36 committee. The committee established by subsection (b).

37 (b) There is established the interscholastic athletics study  
 38 committee. The committee consists of seventeen (17) members as  
 39 follows:

40 (1) Six (6) members of the house of representatives appointed  
 41 by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more than  
 42 three (3) members appointed under this subdivision may

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represent the same political party.

(2) Six (6) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. Not more than three (3) members appointed under this subdivision may represent the same political party.

(3) Two individuals appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. An individual appointed under this subdivision must have a background in interscholastic athletics.

(4) Two (2) individuals appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. An individual appointed under this subdivision must have a background in interscholastic athletics.

(5) One (1) individual appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.

(c) The committee shall:

(1) study issues related the governance of interscholastic athletics in Indiana; and

(2) make recommendations to the general assembly concerning the governance of interscholastic athletics.

(d) The committee shall operate under policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.

(e) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports.

(f) This SECTION expires November 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1018, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "case" refers to a decision of the association:**

- (1) that concerns the application or interpretation of a rule of the association to an individual student; and**
- (2) with which the student's parent disagrees.**

**Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "panel" refers to the case review panel established under section 8 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "parent" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-10.1-1-9.**

**Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "state superintendent" refers to the state superintendent of public instruction."**

Page 1, line 9, delete "2" and insert "6".

Page 1, line 13, delete "3" and insert "7".

Page 1, line 13, delete "organization" and insert "association".

Page 1, line 14, delete "organization" and insert "association".

Page 2, delete lines 8 through 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 8. (a) The association must establish a case review panel that meets the following requirements:**

- (1) The panel has nine (9) members.**
- (2) The state superintendent or the state superintendent's designee is a member of the panel and is the chairperson of the panel.**
- (3) The state superintendent shall appoint as members of the panel persons having the following qualifications:**
  - (A) Four (4) parents of a high school student.**
  - (B) Two (2) high school principals.**
  - (C) Two (2) high school athletic directors.**
- (4) A member of the panel serves for a four (4) year term, subject to following:**
  - (A) An appointee who ceases to meet the member's qualification under subdivision (3) ceases to be a member of the panel.**
  - (B) The state superintendent shall appoint fifty percent (50%) of the initial appointees under in each clause in subdivision (3) for terms of two (2) years, so that terms of the panel are staggered.**



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(5) The panel must meet monthly, unless there are no cases before the panel. The panel may meet more frequently at the call of the chairperson. However, the chairperson must call a meeting within five (5) business days after the panel receives a case in which time is a factor in relation to the scheduling of an athletic competition.

(6) A quorum of the panel is five (5) members. The affirmative vote of five (5) members of the panel is required for the panel to take action.

(b) A student's parent who disagrees with a decision of the association concerning the application or interpretation of a rule of the association to the student shall have the right to refer the case to the panel.

(c) Upon receipt of a case, the panel must do the following:

(1) Collect testimony and information on the case, including testimony and information from both the association and the parent.

(2) Place the case on the panel's agenda and consider the case at a meeting of the panel.

(3) Make one (1) of the following decisions:

(A) Uphold the association's decision on the case.

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(d) The association must implement the decision of the panel on each case. However, a decision of the panel:

(1) applies only to the case before the panel ; and

(2) does not affect any rule of the association or decision under any rule concerning any student other than the student whose parent referred the case to the panel.

(e) The association shall pay all costs attributable to the operation of the panel, including travel and per diem for panel members."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1018 as introduced.)

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 5.



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## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1018 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 11 through 16, begin a new line block indented, and insert:

**"(1) The student was unable to comply with the rule because the student was engaged in military training in the armed forces of the United States.**

**(2) The student has passed a physical examination by a licensed physician who certifies that the student is in physical condition to participate in interscholastic athletic events in a specific named sport."**

Page 3, line 8, delete "refer the" and insert:

**"do one (1) of the following:**

**(1) Accept the decision.**

**(2) Take legal action without first referring the case to the panel.**

**(3) Refer the case to the panel."**

Page 3, delete line 9.

(Reference is to HB 1018 as printed January 14, 2000.)

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 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1018 be amended to read as follows:

Page 3, after line 28 , begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this SECTION, "committee" refers to the interscholastic athletics study committee. The committee established by subsection (b).**

**(b) There is established the interscholastic athletics study committee. The committee consists of seventeen (17) members as follows:**

**(1) Six (6) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more than three (3) members appointed under this subdivision may represent the same political party.**

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(F) This SECTION expires November 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act."

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