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House Bill 364

(Delegate Walker)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Student Participation in High School Sports - Minimum Academic Requirements -
Proposed Standards**

This bill requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with local boards of education, to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the minimum academic performance standards (including recommendations on curriculum content, minimum grade point average, and grade progress) that students in public high schools should meet in order to participate in athletic competitions sanctioned by the local boards of education. The report is due by December 31, 2011.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State Board of Education can develop recommendations and report on minimum academic performance standards using existing resources.

Local Effect: Local school systems can consult with the State Board of Education using existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: According to regulations, each local school system is required to establish standards of participation in interscholastic athletics at the high school level that

assure that students involved in interscholastic athletics are making satisfactory progress toward graduation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None; however, HB 505 of 2010, which would have required adoption of minimum academic performance standards, received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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