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House Bill 760  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Impallaria, *et al.*)

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**Public Schools - Interscholastic Sports Teams - Participation at Another School**

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This bill allows a student who does not make either a varsity or junior varsity interscholastic sports team at the school in which the student is registered to try out for and play for a team from another school in the same county. This provision is contingent on the second school not having an adequate number of students qualified to participate on its varsity or junior varsity teams in the same sport.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None, assuming that students who wish to try out for and play for teams from other schools must provide their own transportation to those schools.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** State regulations require that student athletes be registered at and attending a member school of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association. They may represent only the school in which they are registered and at which they anticipate they will complete graduation requirements.

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association was organized in 1946 and is governed by a Board of Control and Executive Council consisting of school superintendents, athletic coordinators, principals, and coaches. The association's

executive director is appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools and coordinates all aspects of interscholastic athletics in the State. The association is self-supporting, with revenues generated from gate receipts at regional and State tournaments, corporate sponsorships, souvenir sales, and other sources.

**Background:** All 188 public high schools in the State are members of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, and more than 110,000 students participate in 24 organized sports, representing more than 30% of public secondary school students.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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