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House Bill 503
Ways and Means

(Delegate Walker, *et al.*)

Education - High School Sports - Mandatory Playing Guidelines

This bill requires that the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, adopt regulations to establish athletic participation guidelines for students on any public high school athletic team other than a varsity team. The regulations must include a provision that requires that each member of a public high school athletics team, excluding a varsity athletics team, present at a competition be allowed to play unless the member is injured, ill, or otherwise unable to play because of a physical or emotional condition.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State board can develop athletic participation guidelines with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: Local school systems can follow athletic participation guidelines using existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: Generally, the decision on selection of team roster, starting lineups, and playing time is solely the purview of the coach.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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