

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1117

H. P. 901

House of Representatives, March 9, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tuttle of Sanford.

Cosponsors: Mr. Cloutier of South Portland, Mr. Kelleher of Bangor and Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Allow State Championship Athletic Teams and Athletes the Right to Participate in New England Championship Events in Competition.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the State Principals' Association adopted a resolution on April 28, 1978, forbidding Maine's secondary school athletes from competing in New England championship events; and

Whereas, the right to compete in these championship events in an integral part of a student's educational opportunities; and

Whereas, there are secondary school athletic teams and individual secondary school athletes who would otherwise qualify to compete in New England championship events during the spring of 1979; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

20 MRSA § 1011, sub-§ 1 is enacted to read:

1. Interscholastic athletic competition. Interscholastic competition in athletics is an integral part of an administrative unit's physical education program. The governing body of an administrative unit shall be the sole body authorized to decide whether athletic teams or individual athletes of the administrative unit, who are qualified or otherwise selected to participate in post-season championship competition, shall be allowed to so participate.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

A school administrative unit would be the sole body to determine whether qualified athletic teams or individual athletes will be allowed to participate in post-season championship competition. This bill would also authorize qualified teams and athletes to compete in New England championship events if authorized by the sending administrative unit regardless of any resolutions which may have been passed by the State Principals' Association.