

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 3

S.P. 11

In Senate, January 4, 2001

### An Act to Establish Guidelines for High School Sports.

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 224** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 224**

8 **EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETICS**

10 **§6751. Guidelines for secondary school sports**

12 **1. Guidelines.** A school administrative unit shall  
14 establish guidelines that allow a student athlete in a public  
16 secondary school to:

18 **A. Participate in any sport, year round;**

20 **B. Be coached year round by that student's high school**  
22 **coach, other school coaches and volunteer coaches;**

24 **C. Use public school sports facilities and equipment, year**  
26 **round, as scheduling permits, with priority given to sports**  
28 **teams currently in their regular season; and**

30 **D. Participate in clinics, training and competitions**  
32 **outside the school system, with or without the assistance of**  
34 **school coaches.**

36 **2. Limitations.** A school administrative unit may not  
38 require a student to participate in any of the activities  
40 described in subsection 1 in order to play a sport during the  
regular school season for that sport.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires all school administrative units to allow student athletes and coaches to participate in sports-related activities at any time throughout the year. It also prohibits school administrative units from requiring student athletes to participate in sports outside the regular season in order to participate during the regular season.