

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 625**

H. P. 549

House of Representatives, February 4, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

Cosponsors: Representative Rolde of York, Senator Gill of Cumberland and Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Create an Interscholastic Athletic Board.**

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

20 MRSA c. 6 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 6**

**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC BOARD**

**§ 121. Board created**

There is created within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services an Interscholastic Athletic Board which shall administer this chapter. The board shall consist of 7 members who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The commissioner shall appoint 3 members who are public school superintendents, 3 members who are public school athletic directors and 1 member of the public who has demonstrated a substantial interest in interscholastic athletics. The term of office of each board member shall be 3 years, except that the commissioner shall make initial appointments of 3 members for one year, 2 members of 2 years and 2 members for 3 years.

**§ 122. Compensation and expenses**

No member of the board may receive any compensation for his services as a

member of the board, but each is entitled to be reimbursed for all actual traveling and incidental expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out this chapter.

**§ 123. Organization and meetings**

The board shall annually elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer from its membership. The secretary-treasurer shall keep full and complete records of the board's proceedings and accounts. The records shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.

The board shall hold at least 2 regular meetings each year at such times and places as the board may prescribe. The chairman or any 2 members may call for special meetings to be held. Four members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The board shall adopt a seal for its use which shall remain in the custody of the secretary-treasurer.

**§ 124. Powers**

The board may adopt rules, under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to perform the following functions:

1. **Athletic conditions.** To formulate and carry into effect policies and plans for improving secondary school interscholastic athletic conditions;

2. **Studies.** To make continuing studies of the relationship of sports to the overall program of secondary schools;

3. **Athletic contest.** To develop, promulgate and make uniform suitable rules and interpretations governing secondary school interscholastic athletic competition and to provide programs and training for the administration of that competition; and

4. **Eligibility; safety; other matters.** To develop, promulgate and make uniform suitable rules and interputations governing:

A. **Elibility to participate in secondary school interscholastic athletic competition;**

B. **Athletic safety and protection; and**

C. **Other matters relating to secondary school interscholastic athletics and its participants.**

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Interscholastic athletics should be an integral part of the total secondary school educational program and should provide educational experiences not otherwise provided in the curriculum. This bill creates an Interscholastic Athletic Board, within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, which will be responsible for formulating a uniform policy for secondary school interscholastic athletics.