



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 222

LCO No. 1288



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT PERMITTING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS TO BE USED AS CREDIT TOWARD THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR PURPOSES OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2026*):

4 (f) (1) Any student who presents a certificate from a physician,
5 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse stating that, in
6 the opinion of the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice
7 registered nurse, participation in physical education is medically
8 contraindicated because of the physical condition of such student, shall
9 be excused from the physical education requirement, provided the
10 credit for physical education may be fulfilled by an elective.

11 (2) A local or regional board of education shall grant a student credit
12 toward meeting the physical education requirement for such student's
13 participation in an interscholastic athletic program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-221a(f)
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit students to use participation in interscholastic athletics to count as credit toward satisfying the physical education requirement of the high school graduation requirements.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]