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An Act To Establish a 2-week Quiet Period for School Teams

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

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 223, sub-c. 7-D** is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 7-D**

4 **INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES**

5 **§6641. Quiet period for coaching and fund-raising**

6 **1. Definitions.** As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates,
7 the following terms have the following meanings.

8 A. "Fund-raising" means a solicitation to the public for funds to support the activities
9 of an interscholastic team. "Fund-raising" does not include the charging of an
10 admission fee to an event, such as a contest or competition, featuring an
11 interscholastic team.

12 B. "Interscholastic team" means a team that is organized by and affiliated with a high
13 school in this State for the purpose of competition with other high schools in this
14 State.

15 C. "Quiet period" means the 2-week period immediately prior to the beginning of
16 that season during which that interscholastic team traditionally engages in
17 competition.

18 D. "School-affiliated organization" means an organization, including, but not limited
19 to, an athletic booster club or other support group that is aligned with an
20 interscholastic team.

21 E. "Statewide interscholastic association" means an association that oversees
22 interscholastic activities in public or private schools in this State that receives its
23 funding from those public or private schools, either through membership dues or fees
24 collected from those schools or from the participation of those schools in
25 interscholastic activities.

26 **2. Limit on contact by coaches.** During the quiet period, a coach or advisor for an
27 interscholastic team is prohibited from coaching or giving instruction about a sport or
28 activity to members of the coach's or advisor's interscholastic team, either individually or
29 collectively.

30 **3. Limit on fundraising.** An interscholastic team and a school-affiliated
31 organization of that interscholastic team are prohibited from engaging in fund-raising
32 activities during the quiet period.

33 **4. Participation in statewide interscholastic association limited.** A school
34 administrative unit may not belong to a statewide interscholastic association that imposes
35 more restrictive limits on contact by coaches or advisors or fund-raising by an
36 interscholastic team or school-affiliated organization than those imposed by this section.

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SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the coach or other advisor of a school athletic team or other school-organized and affiliated team from having any contact with members of the team during the 2-week period immediately prior to the beginning of that team's traditional competitive season. This bill prohibits the team or a school-affiliated booster club or support group aligned with that team from engaging in fund-raising during that same 2-week period. This bill also prohibits a school administrative unit from being a member of any statewide interscholastic association that places more restrictive limits on contact by coaches or fund-raising.