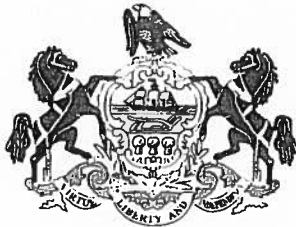


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Mike Reese

DATE: January 25, 2012

SUBJECT: Legislation – **(PIAA – Prohibiting Discrimination)**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Public School Code preventing the PIAA from treating nonpublic school students and schools unequally.

Specifically, my proposal will prohibit the PIAA from discriminating against nonpublic school students and schools when amending their bylaws.

The PIAA has been in operation for nearly one hundred years. Nonpublic schools were not able to participate and become full members until the early 1970's. Article XVI-A of the School Code, adopted in 2000, required for the first time, that the PIAA include a nonpublic school representative on its governing board. Although nonpublic schools enroll 13% of the students in PA, the nonpublic school community only has one voting representative out of the 31 members of the PIAA board. There are also currently 12 separate districts within the PIAA, each of which is governed by a district committee. Neither the School Code nor the PIAA Constitution requires those district committees to include any nonpublic school representatives.

If you wish to sponsor this legislation, please contact Candace VanScyoc in my Harrisburg office at 783-9311 or email at cvanscyoc@pahousegop.com.