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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 328

AN ACT TO DIRECT DIAA TO SEPARATE ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SANCTIONED EVENTS.

1 WHEREAS, during the 2023/2024 school year, private schools won 25 of the DIAA's 34 state team titles; and
2 WHEREAS, over the last three years there have been 102 DIAA sponsored team championships, 73 have been
3 won by private schools, 23 by public schools, and 6 by charter schools; and
4 WHEREAS, the once powerful Blue Hen Conference, comprised mainly of northern New Castle County high
5 schools, has been disproportionately affected by the imbalance having won just 3 of the 102 team titles in the past 3 years;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, private school sports teams in the State of Delaware hold a regulatory advantage over public schools
8 in the way they can recruit athletes across district, county, and state lines; and
9 WHEREAS, the majority of states separate private and public schools in some way from sanctioned athletic
10 association team championships; and
11 WHEREAS, if name, image, and likeness (NIL) is approved by DIAA, it will further divide the playing field by
12 allowing high school athletes to be compensated; and
13 WHEREAS, to ensure the integrity of what it means to have a level playing field, state team championship games
14 shall be separated by public verses private.
15 NOW, THEREFORE:
16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:
17 Section 1. The Board of Directors for the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association shall separate public and
18 private schools for the purpose of team championship sanctioned events.

SYNOPSIS

This Act directs DIAA to separate all public and private school team championship sanctioned event.

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