

WHEREAS, Students with disabilities have historically been underserved by school physical education and physical activity programs, such as athletics; and

WHEREAS, Including students with disabilities in mainstream physical education and athletic programs and adapted programs can provide students with disabilities with the opportunity to realize the full benefits of such programs; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

SUBTITLE 4B. PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

7-4B-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADAPTED PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT IS SPECIFICALLY DEVELOPED FOR A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY.

(C) "ALLIED SPORTS OR UNIFIED PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO COMBINE GROUPS OF STUDENTS WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES TOGETHER IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

(D) "MAINSTREAM ATHLETIC PROGRAM" MEANS INTRAMURAL OR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITY THAT IS DEVELOPED AND OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD.

~~(D)~~ (E) "MAINSTREAM PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC PROGRAM" MEANS A SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS DEVELOPED AND OFFERED TO ALL STUDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD.

~~(E) "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC PROGRAM" MEANS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR ATHLETIC ACTIVITY HELD ON THE PREMISES OF OR SPONSORED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL.~~

(F) "STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY" MEANS A STUDENT WHO MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A "HANDICAPPED PERSON" AS DEFINED IN 45 C.F.R. § 84.3(J).