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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. S. RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the New York state public high school athletic association to establish a central committee, an executive committee, and state sport committees

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 63 to read as follows:

3 63. a. The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to promul-
4 gate rules and regulations requiring the New York state public high
5 school athletic association to establish:

6 (A) a central committee consisting of representatives from each of the
7 sections and representatives of the big five, elected from the New York
8 state public high school athletic association member schools in accord-
9 ance with the following plan:

10 (i) the state shall be divided into geographic areas called sections,
11 each of which shall elect four representatives to the central committee:
12 one chief school officer, one principal, one male representative of
13 athletics and one female representative of athletics from the member
14 schools of the section; and

15 (ii) the big five shall also appoint four representatives to the
16 central committee: one chief school officer, one principal, one male
17 representative of athletics and one female representative of athletics
18 from the member schools of the section;

19 (B) an executive committee consisting of twenty-four members, includ-
20 ing each of the female representatives of athletics on the central
21 committee, and one additional representative from each of the eleven
22 sections and the big five as determined by each respective section and
23 the big five. Sectional and big five representatives shall constitute
24 the voting body of the committee; and

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (C) state sport committees consisting of one representative from each
2 section and the big five.

3 b. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "big five" shall
4 mean the conference of big five school districts, comprising the school
5 districts of New York city, Yonkers, Buffalo, Syracuse, and Rochester.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.