
SENATOR FOR A DAY PROGRAM

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Unsportsmanlike Conduct of Adults at Youth Sporting Events

Providing penalties for adults who engage in hostile or physical acts with other adults at their children's sporting events.

Therefore, the General Assembly hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of each parent, family member, and spectator to ensure that his/her conduct is that of a responsible adult who is positively encouraging all participants to the limit of his/her ability.

To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, each parent and spectator is expected to:

- a) Respect the rules of the game.
- b) Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- c) Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoid the use of abusive language, profanity, and gestures of ill temper, and refrain at all times from making hostile or negative remarks about the opposing team.

d) Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose. Do not interact in a negative fashion with fans, players or coaches of the opposing team or game officials.

Section 2. Penalties

- I. In instances of hostile or physical acts, the school board shall determine the appropriate penalty for any violation of the abovementioned expectation.
- II. Penalties may include any one or more of the following:
 - a) 1st Violation – Parent pays a minimum of a \$25 fine.
 - b) 2nd Violation – Parent pays a minimum of a \$50 fine.
 - c) 3rd Violation – Parent pays a minimum of a \$50 fine and receives one of the following suspensions based upon the nature of the act:
 - i. One game suspension
 - ii. Multiple game suspension, or
 - iii. Indefinite suspension.
- III. All monies collected through fines will be used to benefit the school district's athletic program as determined by the school board.