

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1104 Session of  
1991

INTRODUCED BY CLARK, HECKLER, THOMAS, CLYMER, MELIO, BILLOW,  
HARPER, STABACK, NOYE, NAHILL, LANGTRY, PICCOLA, HERMAN AND  
GEIST, APRIL 10, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 10, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," providing for issuance of subpoenas  
6 by board.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
11 section to read:

12 Section 514.1. Issuance of Subpoenas by Board.--(a) The  
13 board shall have power to issue subpoenas requiring the  
14 attendance of witnesses at any hearing and shall do so at the  
15 request of the chief school administrator of the school district  
16 or the party against whom a complaint is made. If any person  
17 refuses to appear and testify in answer to a subpoena issued by  
18 the board, an interested party may petition the court of common  
19 pleas of the county by setting forth the facts, upon which the

1 court shall issue its subpoena commanding the person to appear  
2 before the court, and to testify under oath as to the matters  
3 being inquired into. Persons refusing to testify before the  
4 court shall be held for contempt.

5 (b) Testimony at the hearings shall be taken under oath, and  
6 any member of the board of school directors shall have power to  
7 administer oaths to those witnesses.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.