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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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," further providing for excused  
6 absences from school.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1354 of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
11 amended January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 1354. Report of Children not Enrolling, or  
14 Withdrawing, or Being Illegally Absent.--It shall be the duty of  
15 every principal or teacher of a public school to report  
16 immediately to the attendance officer, district superintendent,  
17 or secretary of the board of school directors, the names of all  
18 children in the list furnished to him who have not appeared for  
19 enrollment, and he shall also properly report, from time to

1 time, to the attendance officer, district superintendent, or  
2 secretary of the board of school directors, the names of all  
3 children who having enrolled have subsequently withdrawn from  
4 school, or who have been absent three (3) days, or their  
5 equivalent, without lawful excuse. Such person shall thereupon  
6 serve upon the parent, guardian, or other person in parental  
7 relation to such children unlawfully absent from school, the  
8 written notice hereinbefore provided, and if it shall appear  
9 that, within three (3) days thereafter, any child, parent,  
10 guardian, or other person in parental relation shall have failed  
11 to comply with the provisions of this act, the superintendent,  
12 attendance officer, or secretary of the board of school  
13 directors, in the name of the school district, shall proceed  
14 against the person so offending, in accordance with the  
15 provisions of this act. If a child has been absent from school  
16 for a total of twenty (20) days during the term, no absence  
17 after the twentieth day shall be an excused absence unless a  
18 statement from a physician is submitted justifying the absence  
19 for health reasons.

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