

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 26, 2002

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 THE DEFINITION
6 OF "COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE"; AND providing for CONDITIONAL
7 EMPLOYMENT, FOR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
8 AND FOR firefighter and emergency service training as
9 creditable high school courses.

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10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

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

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15 SECTION 1109.2. CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT.--A BOARD OF SCHOOL
16 DIRECTORS MAY ENTER INTO A PROVISIONAL CONTRACT TO EMPLOY AN

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1 INDIVIDUAL AS A TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE WHO PRESENTS A  
2 LETTER WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE DATE OF EXPECTED GRADUATION FROM  
3 AN APPROVED PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY VERIFYING THAT HE  
4 IS ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM IN THAT  
5 INSTITUTION AND WILL COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARDING  
6 OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ON A DATE CERTAIN AS SPECIFIED. THE  
7 VALIDITY OF THE PROVISIONAL CONTRACT SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON  
8 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BEING MET PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL  
9 COMMENCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT; THE AWARDING OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE;  
10 AND, THE INDIVIDUAL HAVING OBTAINED THE APPROPRIATE TEACHING  
11 CERTIFICATE IN THE AREA OF ASSIGNMENT FOR WHICH THE CONTRACT IS  
12 BEING ENTERED.

13 SECTION 1316.1. ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS FOR THE PERFORMING  
14 ARTS.--THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE  
15 FIRST CLASS A MAY PERMIT ANY NONRESIDENT PUPIL TO ATTEND A HIGH  
16 SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IN ITS DISTRICT UPON SUCH TERMS  
17 AS IT MAY DETERMINE, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.  
18 NONRESIDENT STUDENTS MAY ATTEND SUCH SCHOOLS WITHOUT THE  
19 PERMISSION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT  
20 WHERE THEY RESIDE. PAYMENTS DUE FROM A SENDING DISTRICT TO A  
21 RECEIVING DISTRICT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY SECTIONS 2561 AND 2562,  
22 EXCEPT THAT A SENDING DISTRICT'S LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT SHALL BE  
23 LIMITED TO THE TUITION CHARGE OF THE RECEIVING DISTRICT OR ITS  
24 OWN TUITION CHARGE, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

25 SECTION 2. SECTION 1326 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

26 SECTION 1326. DEFINITIONS.--THE TERM "COMPULSORY SCHOOL  
27 AGE," AS HEREINAFTER USED, SHALL MEAN THE PERIOD OF A CHILD'S  
28 LIFE FROM THE TIME THE CHILD'S PARENTS ELECT TO HAVE THE CHILD  
29 ENTER SCHOOL, WHICH SHALL BE NOT LATER THAN AT THE AGE OF [EIGHT  
30 (8)] SIX (6) YEARS, UNTIL THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS. THE

1 TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY CHILD WHO HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF  
2 GRADUATION FROM A REGULARLY ACCREDITED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

3 THE TERM "MIGRATORY CHILD," WHEREVER USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION  
4 OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL INCLUDE ANY CHILD DOMICILED TEMPORARILY  
5 IN ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT,  
6 BUT NOT ACQUIRING RESIDENCE THEREIN, AND ANY CHILD ACCOMPANYING  
7 HIS PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO IS SO DOMICILED.

8 SECTION 3. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

9 Section 1550. Firefighter and Emergency Service Training.--

10 (a) Firefighter and emergency service training may be added to  
11 high school curricula as credit-earning courses.

12 (b) The courses may be made available only to students  
13 sixteen (16) years of age or older and may include:

14 (1) Training as a firefighter I from the National Board of  
15 Professional Qualifications.

16 (2) Training as an emergency medical technician by the  
17 Department of Health under the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164,  
18 No.45), known as the "Emergency Medical Services Act."

19 (c) Any person who provides training under this section and  
20 who has direct contact with students receiving training shall be  
21 subject to the provisions of section 111.

22 (d) If the school district adds firefighter and emergency  
23 service training as credit-earning courses, the school district  
24 shall provide transportation and supervision for firefighter and  
25 emergency service training that takes place off school grounds.  
26 Supervision of training shall be conducted as a cooperative  
27 education program in accordance with the provisions of 22 Pa.  
28 Code § 11.28 (relating to out-of-school programs) or any  
29 regulation promulgated subsequently to replace that section.

30 Section 2 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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