

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 659 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, BOBACK, BOYD, D. COSTA, DENLINGER,
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TALLMAN AND VULAKOVICH, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

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 confirmation of the
6 English language.

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 1526. Confirmation of the English Language.--The
13 Department of Education shall ensure that any standards adopted
14 under subarticle (b) include a provision that confirms that the
15 English language has been the sole language of government and
16 commerce in this Commonwealth since its founding.

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