

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 813 Session of 2011

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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," in school districts, further  
 6 providing for value-added assessment system.

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

9 Section 1. Section 221 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
 10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added November  
 11 17, 2010 (P.L.996, No.104), is amended to read:

12 Section 221. Value-added Assessment System.--(a) Beginning  
 13 on the effective date of this section, the Department of  
 14 Education shall make available on its publicly accessible  
 15 Internet website the following:

16 (1) Value-added assessment system data for the school  
 17 district level [and], the school level, the grade level and the  
 18 classroom level. The Department of Education's disclosure of  
 19 value-added assessment system data shall be subject to the  
 20 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law

1 90-247, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g) or a successor Federal statute.

2 (2) Instructions that may assist the public in understanding  
3 and interpreting the data provided under paragraph (1).

4 (b) For purposes of this section:

5 "Value-added assessment system" shall mean a statistical  
6 analysis of results on the Pennsylvania System of School  
7 Assessment test or any other test established by the State Board  
8 of Education to meet the requirements of section 2603-B(d)(10)

9 (i) pursuant to 22 Pa. Code § 403.3 (relating to single  
10 accountability system) that uses measures of student learning to  
11 enable the estimation of classroom, grade, school or school  
12 district statistical distributions.

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