

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 517 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WARD, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA AND WOZNIAK,
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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 home education
6 program.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1327.1(b)(1) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
11 December 21, 1988 (P.L.1321, No.169), is amended to read:

12 Section 1327.1. Home Education Program.--* * *

13 (b) The requirements contained in sections 1511 and 1511.1,
14 except as provided for in this section, and section 1605 shall
15 not apply to home education programs. A home education program
16 shall not be considered a nonpublic school under the provisions
17 of this act.

18 (1) A notarized affidavit of the parent or guardian or other
19 person having legal custody of the child or children, filed
20 prior to the commencement of the home education program and

1 annually thereafter on August 1 with the superintendent of the
2 school district of residence and which sets forth: the name of
3 the supervisor of the home education program who shall be
4 responsible for the provision of instruction; the name and age
5 of each child who shall participate in the home education
6 program; the address and telephone number of the home education
7 program site; that such subjects as required by law are offered
8 in the English language, including an outline of proposed
9 education objectives by subject area; evidence that the child
10 has been immunized in accordance with the provisions of section
11 1303(a) and has received the health and medical services
12 required for students of the child's age or grade level in
13 Article XIV; and that the home education program shall comply
14 with the provisions of this section and that the notarized
15 affidavit shall be satisfactory evidence thereof. The required
16 outline of proposed education objectives shall not be utilized
17 by the superintendent in determining if the home education
18 program is out of compliance with this section and section 1327.
19 The affidavit shall contain a certification to be signed by the
20 supervisor that the supervisor, all adults living in the home
21 and persons having legal custody of a child or children in a
22 home education program have not been convicted of the criminal
23 offenses enumerated in subsection (e) of section 111 within five
24 years immediately preceding the date of the affidavit[.] and
25 that no child in a home education program has been the recipient
26 of child protective services, as is defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6303
27 (relating to definitions), within eighteen (18) months
28 immediately preceding the date of the affidavit.

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