

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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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 preliminary provisions, providing
 6 for academic impact of scores on Keystone Exams.

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 121.1. Academic Impact of Scores on Keystone
 13 Exams.--(a) Notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary,
 14 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, a school entity shall
 15 have the sole discretion to determine the academic impact of
 16 students' scores on the Keystone Exams developed by the
 17 Department of Education in accordance with section 121.

18 (b) The academic impact may include, but shall not be
 19 limited to:

- 1 (1) weighting in the subject matter course grade;
- 2 (2) determination of course credit;
- 3 (3) indications of need for remediation in a subject area;
- 4 or
- 5 (4) satisfaction of a school entity's graduation
- 6 requirements.

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