

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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READSHAW AND SCHWEYER, JUNE 23, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 23, 2020

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 pupils and attendance, further
6 providing for age limits and temporary residence and
7 providing for age limit extension during COVID-19 pandemic of
8 2020.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 1301 of the act of March 10, 1949
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
13 amended to read:

14 Section 1301. Age Limits; Temporary Residence.--Every child,
15 being a resident of any school district, between the ages of six
16 (6) and twenty-one (21) years, may attend the public schools in
17 his district, subject to the provisions of this act.

18 [Notwithstanding] Except as provided in section 1301.1,
19 notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a
20 child who attains the age of twenty-one (21) years during the

1 school term and who has not graduated from high school may
2 continue to attend the public schools in his district free of
3 charge until the end of the school term. The board of school
4 directors of any school district may admit to the schools of the
5 district, with or without the payment of tuition, any non-
6 resident child temporarily residing in the district, and may
7 require the attendance of such non-resident child in the same
8 manner and on the same conditions as it requires the attendance
9 of a resident child.

10 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

11 Section 1301.1. Age Limit Extension During COVID-19 Pandemic
12 of 2020.--Notwithstanding section 1301, every student who was
13 twenty (20) or twenty-one (21) years of age before the
14 proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
15 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and
16 any renewal of the state of disaster emergency, and who was
17 enrolled in a school district of this Commonwealth, in
18 accordance with section 1301, during the proclamation of
19 disaster emergency, or any renewal of the state of disaster
20 emergency, shall be eligible for a six-month extension of
21 eligibility under section 1301 free of charge.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.