
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1159 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY AUMENT, REGAN, RESCHENTHALER, FONTANA,
EICHELBERGER, SCHWANK, MARTIN, BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, SCARNATI,
VULAKOVICH, FOLMER, WAGNER, DINNIMAN, STEFANO, BAKER, DiSANTO
AND WHITE, MAY 7, 2018

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MAY 7, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
2 entitled "An act defining and providing for the licensing and
3 regulation of private schools; establishing the State Board
4 of Private Licensed Schools; imposing penalties; and making
5 repeals," further providing for powers and duties of board.

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

8 Section 1. Section 4(b) of the act of December 15, 1986
9 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools Act,
10 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
11 read:

12 Section 4. Powers and duties of board.

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14 [(b) Disposition of student records.--The board shall
15 require every applicant for initial or renewal licensure to
16 provide a written statement describing arrangements for
17 disposition of student records in the event of closure. It shall
18 be the duty of the board and the department to assist in the

1 execution of the arrangements when necessary. Priority shall be
2 given to plans for retention of the records with existing
3 private licensed schools in the same geographical area.]

4 (b.1) Repository of student records.--The following apply:

5 (1) The board may enter into an agreement with a third
6 party to establish a centralized repository of student
7 records for all private licensed schools. If the board enters
8 into an agreement with a third party under this paragraph, a
9 private licensed school shall work in collaboration with the
10 board and the third party to provide the private licensed
11 school's student records for the centralized repository,
12 including student records that may have been previously
13 disclosed to the board, the third party or another private
14 licensed school. The board may establish an annual timeline
15 for private licensed schools to provide student records for
16 the centralized repository.

17 (2) The board or a third party authorized by the board
18 may use current information technology systems and other
19 means to provide the necessary security and privacy for the
20 centralized repository of student records.

21 (3) The board or a third party authorized by the board
22 may impose reasonable fees to establish and maintain the
23 centralized repository of student records. The board may
24 overturn a fee imposed by a third party under this paragraph
25 by a majority vote if the board deems the fee to be
26 unreasonable.

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