

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2655 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY LASHINGER, SEPTEMBER 11, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 11, 1978

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," including cardiopulmonary
6 resuscitation as a required subject of study.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1511, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July
11 31, 1968 (P.L.1020, No.301), is amended to read:

12 Section 1511. Subjects of Instruction; Flag Code.--In every
13 elementary public and private school, established and maintained
14 in this Commonwealth, the following subjects shall be taught, in
15 the English language and from English texts: English, including
16 spelling, reading and writing, arithmetic, geography, the
17 history of the United States and of Pennsylvania, civics,
18 including loyalty to the State and National Government, safety
19 education, and the humane treatment of birds and animals,
20 health, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, physical

1 education, and physiology, music and art. Other subjects shall
2 be taught in the public elementary schools and also in the
3 public high schools as may be prescribed by the standards of the
4 State Board of Education. All such subjects, except foreign
5 languages, shall be taught in the English language and from
6 English texts: Provided, however, That, at the discretion of the
7 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education,
8 the teaching of subjects in a language other than English may be
9 permitted as part of a sequence in foreign language study or as
10 part of a bilingual education program if the teaching personnel
11 are properly certified in the subject fields. Each school
12 district shall provide and distribute to each pupil, enrolled in
13 the eighth grade of the public schools, one illustrated copy of
14 the National Flag Code, and shall, from time to time, make
15 available such copies as are necessary for replacements from
16 year to year. It shall be the duty of each teacher in the public
17 schools to make such use of the code as may, from time to time,
18 seem proper.

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