

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1812** Session of  
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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," providing for nonvoting student  
6 representatives on school boards.

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 328. Student Representatives.--(a) In addition to  
13 the elected members, there shall be two (2) student members on  
14 each school board. The students shall act in a nonvoting  
15 capacity and represent the students in all the schools of the  
16 district.

17 (b) The student school board representatives shall be  
18 elected by each school's student government through their  
19 regular election procedures. In those school districts comprised

1 of more than one senior high school, officers shall sit as a  
2 joint board for the purpose of selecting the two (2) school  
3 board representatives.

4 (c) The student representative shall have the following  
5 qualifications:

6 (1) One shall be a senior, that is any current twelfth  
7 grader in a secondary school.

8 (2) One shall be a junior, that is any current eleventh  
9 grader in a secondary school.

10 (3) Be familiar with school board procedures.

11 (4) Be able to express students' views intelligently in an  
12 oral manner.

13 (d) The term of office of the student representatives shall  
14 be one academic year. The senior, after having finishing his or  
15 her term, shall be replaced by the junior. The junior, before  
16 assuming the position as senior representative shall undergo a  
17 vote of confidence. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired  
18 terms in the same manner as the original members are selected.

19 (e) The powers and duties of student school board  
20 representative shall be:

21 (1) To advise their respective school boards on matters  
22 concerning student activities and concerns.

23 (2) To report back to the student government on all policies  
24 of concern to students.

25 (f) The student school board representatives may attend all  
26 public and nonpublic school board meetings but may be exempt  
27 from any part of meetings dealing with teacher salaries or  
28 personnel.

29 Section 2. The first student representatives shall be  
30 elected during the academic year beginning in 1980.