

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 1457 Session of  
1981

INTRODUCED BY RICHARDSON, IRVIS AND DEAL, MAY 12, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 12, 1981

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," requiring a course in ancient history  
6 to be taught in public, private and parochial schools.

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 1605.1. Ancient History.--Every public, private or  
13 parochial high school established and maintained in this  
14 Commonwealth shall teach a course in ancient history to all  
15 students in grades nine through twelve inclusive. Such course  
16 shall include the study of the lives and works of Aristotle,  
17 Socrates, Julius Caesar, Machiavelli, etc. as well as history of  
18 classic Greece and Rome.

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