

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY LINTON, FATTAH, COWELL, FREEMAN, LASHINGER, EVANS
AND TRUMAN, JUNE 4, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 4, 1984

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 may 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 board representatives shall be elected by
18 each school's student government through their regular election
19 procedures. In those school districts comprised of more than one

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

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

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

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

9 (3) Be familiar with school board procedure.

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

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

18 (e) The powers and duties of student school board
19 representatives shall be:

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

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

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

28 Section 2. The first student representatives shall be
29 elected during the academic year beginning in 1985.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.