

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1415 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY LEACH, BOYD, CURRY, FRANKEL, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND,
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SIPTROTH, JUNE 5, 2007

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 25, 2007

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," further providing for the powers and
6 duties of the State Board of Education.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2603-B(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
11 March 30, 1988 (P.L.321, No.43), is amended to read:

12 Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board.--(a) The
13 board shall have the power, and its duty shall be, to review the
14 statements of policy, standards, rules and regulations
15 formulated by the Council of Basic Education and the Council of
16 Higher Education, and adopt broad policies and principles, and
17 establish standards governing the educational program of the
18 Commonwealth. Standards under this subsection shall include the
19 development of a program for teaching world languages throughout

1 the elementary and secondary curricula. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION <—
2 SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS EITHER REQUIRING OR PRECLUDING THE
3 ADOPTION, BY THE BOARD, OF WORLD LANGUAGE STANDARDS WHICH WOULD
4 REQUIRE A DEMONSTRATION OF PROFICIENCY AS A GRADUATION
5 REQUIREMENT OR PARTICIPATION OF ALL STUDENTS IN A WORLD LANGUAGE
6 PROGRAM.

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