

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 405 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY LEACH, WASHINGTON, FERLO, WOZNIAK, O'PAKE AND  
TARTAGLIONE, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

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  
20 the elementary and secondary curricula. Nothing in this section

1 shall be construed as either requiring or precluding the  
2 adoption, by the board, of world language standards which would  
3 require a demonstration of proficiency as a graduation  
4 requirement or participation of all students in a world language  
5 program.

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