

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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RAPP, SANTORA, SCHLOSSBERG AND WATSON, JANUARY 21, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 21, 2015

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," in pupils and attendance, further
6 providing for penalties for violations of compulsory
7 attendance requirements.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1333(a)(1) of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
12 amended November 17, 1995 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1110, No.29), is
13 amended to read:

14 Section 1333. Penalties for Violation of Compulsory
15 Attendance Requirements.--(a) (1) Every parent, guardian, or
16 person in parental relation, having control or charge of any
17 child or children of compulsory school age, who shall
18 intentionally fail to comply with the provisions of this act
19 regarding compulsory attendance, shall on summary conviction
20 thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine, for the benefit of the

1 school district in which such offending person resides, not
2 exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) and to pay court costs or
3 be sentenced to complete a parenting education program offered
4 and operated by a local school district, medical institution or
5 other community resources, or perform community service, and, in
6 default of the payment of such fine and costs or completion of
7 the parenting program by the person so offending, [shall] may be
8 sentenced to the county jail for a period not exceeding five (5)
9 days. Any person sentenced to pay any such fine may appeal to
10 the court of common pleas of the proper county, upon entering
11 into a recognizance, with one or more proper sureties, in double
12 the amount of penalty and costs. Before any proceedings are
13 instituted against any parent, guardian, or person in parental
14 relation, for failure to comply with the provisions of this act,
15 the district superintendent, attendance officer, or secretary of
16 the board of school directors, shall give the offending person
17 three (3) days' written notice of such violation. If, after such
18 notice has been given, the provisions of this act regarding
19 compulsory attendance are again violated by the persons so
20 notified, at any time during the term of compulsory attendance,
21 such person, so again offending, shall be liable under the
22 provisions of this section without further notice.

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