## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 696

Session of 2015

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## AN ACT

- Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain
- provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
- schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
- laws relating thereto," in pupils and attendance, further
- providing for immunization required and penalty.
- 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 hereby enacts as follows:
- 9 Section 1. Section 1303 of the act of March 10, 1949
- 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
- 11 April 11, 1974 (P.L.258, No.67), is amended by adding a
- 12 subsection to read:
- 13 Section 1303. Immunization Required; Penalty.--\* \* \*
- (e) Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary,
- 15 <u>a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious</u>
- 16 belief may not qualify as an exemption from the immunization
- 17 <u>requirements of this section.</u>
- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.