
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SANTORA, JAMES, RAPP, WARNER, IRVIN, GILLEN AND
DUSH, JUNE 13, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 13, 2017

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 preliminary provisions, providing
6 for impact of scores from assessments.

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 121.1. Impact of Scores from Assessments.--(a)
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning in the
14 2017-2018 school year, student scores from assessments shall be
15 attributed to a school entity only for the purposes of complying
16 with the Every Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95, 129
17 Stat. 1802). Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
18 prohibit the use of student scores from assessments to calculate
19 academic growth using statistically reliable measures.

20 (b) As used in this section, the term "assessment" shall

1 mean the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment test, the
2 Keystone Exam, an equivalent local assessment or another test
3 established or approved by the State Board of Education or the
4 General Assembly to meet the requirements of section 2603-B(d)
5 (10) (i) or required under the Every Student Succeeds Act or its
6 successor statute or another test required to achieve other
7 standards established by the Department of Education for the
8 public school or school district under 22 Pa. Code § 403.3
9 (relating to single accountability system).

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