
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY REIBMAN, MURRAY, STAPLETON, MESSINGER, NOLAN,
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MURPHY, ARLENE, AMMERMAN, MYERS, MELLOW, DUFFIELD, SMITH AND
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AN ACT

1 Providing services for the diagnosis and correction of speech
2 and hearing defects to nonpublic school children.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Legislative Finding; Declaration of Policy.--
6 Defects in speech and hearing are health-related. They are also
7 the frequent cause of emotional instability in children and are
8 vitally connected to behavior and to learning ability. Services
9 to remedy these defects can best be conducted upon the premises
10 of the school which the child regularly attends, and forcing
11 children to go to other premises in order to have such needed
12 services is found by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
13 Pennsylvania to be both inadequate and harmful. The General
14 Assembly expressly finds and declares speech and hearing
15 correctional services to be health services, and it is the
16 intention of the General Assembly now to make these available,

1 on a general and even-handed basis to all school children in the
2 Commonwealth.

3 Section 2. Definition.--As used in this act:

4 "Nonpublic school" means any nonprofit school, other than a
5 public school within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein a
6 resident of the Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory
7 school attendance requirements and which meets the requirements
8 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352).

9 Section 3. Provision of Services.--The Secretary of
10 Education directly, or through the intermediate units out of
11 their allocation under section 922.1A of the act of March 10,
12 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949,"
13 shall have the power and duty to furnish free to nonpublic
14 school students, upon the premises of the nonpublic schools
15 which they regularly attend, services adequate for the diagnosis
16 and correction of speech and hearing defects provided that such
17 services are also afforded to public school students by the
18 public school district in which such nonpublic school is
19 located.

20 Section 4. Effective Date.--This act shall take effect
21 immediately.