
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1254 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DWYER, REIBMAN, LINCOLN, HESS, COPPERSMITH, KUSSE
AND CORMAN, FEBRUARY 13, 1980

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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 graduation
6 of qualified students and for payment of reimbursement during
7 certain emergencies.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1501, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
11 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended
12 September 21, 1959 (P.L.925, No.373), is amended to read:

13 Section 1501. Minimum Number of Days; School Month.--All
14 public kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools shall be
15 kept open each school year for at least one hundred eighty (180)
16 days of instruction for pupils. No days on which the schools are
17 closed shall be counted as days taught, and no time shall be
18 counted as a pupil session for any activity to which admission
19 is charged. No school district shall be required to change its
20 graduation schedule or require graduating students to return to

1 school after graduation to make up class days lost due to severe
2 weather conditions. No district which makes a bona fide effort
3 as determined by the Secretary of Education to provide one
4 hundred eighty (180) days of instruction for graduating students
5 shall receive less subsidy payments or reimbursements than it
6 would otherwise be entitled to receive on account of the school
7 year because of the provisions of this section. Unless otherwise
8 provided by this act, the board of school directors in any
9 district or joint board may keep such other schools or
10 departments as it may establish open during such time as it may
11 direct.

12 Twenty days of actual teaching shall constitute a school
13 month.

14 Section 2. Section 2523 of the act, amended January 14, 1970
15 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to read:

16 Section 2523. Schools Closed on Account of Contagious
17 Disease, etc.--When any board of school directors or
18 intermediate unit with respect to area technical schools is
19 compelled to close any school or schools on account of any
20 contagious disease, [the destruction or damage of a school
21 building by fire or otherwise,] natural disaster or other
22 emergency, not including labor disputes involving school
23 employees, and therefore is unable to keep such school or schools
24 open for the minimum term required by this act, the
25 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education
26 may pay to such school district or intermediate unit any or all
27 of its share of the annual State appropriation as he deems
28 proper.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.