

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MARKOSEK, SAURMAN, SCHULER, JACKSON, COWELL,
LaGROTTA AND RUDY, APRIL 3, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 3, 1989

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 definition
6 of "exceptional children."

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

9 Section 1. Section 1371(1) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to
12 read:

13 Section 1371. Definition of Exceptional Children; Reports;
14 Examination.--(1) The term "exceptional children" shall mean
15 children of school age who deviate from the average in physical,
16 mental, emotional or social characteristics to such an extent
17 that they require special educational facilities or services.
18 The term "exceptional children" shall include all children of
19 school age with pervasive developmental disorders, such as

1 autism or autistic-like behavior, and shall [include] also
2 include children with learning disabilities and all children in
3 detention homes.

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