

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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BARD, MAY 13, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 13, 1996

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," providing for the discontinuance of
6 programs and courses not fully funded by the Commonwealth.

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 2597. Discontinuance of Programs and Courses Not
13 Fully Funded by the Commonwealth.--The Department of Education
14 shall undertake on or before July 1 of each year an annual
15 review of all programs and courses required by the Commonwealth
16 to be provided by school districts. The Department of Education
17 shall determine for each program or course whether the
18 Commonwealth provides full reimbursement to school districts for
19 the cost of providing each required program or course. The

1 results of the review shall be published in the Pennsylvania
2 Bulletin. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, if the
3 Commonwealth does not provide for full reimbursement for the
4 cost of a program or course, a school district shall not be
5 required to provide the program or course during the ensuing
6 school year.

7 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to programs and courses
8 that are necessary for the operation of a thorough and efficient
9 system of public education provided for in Article III, section
10 14 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania or to programs or courses
11 required for eligibility for Federal assistance.

12 Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar
13 as they are inconsistent with this act.

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