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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 15, 2008

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 State Board of Education, further
6 providing for powers and duties of board and for cooperation
7 between the board and the Department of Education.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2603-B of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board.--* * *

1 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, act
2 or law to the contrary, the board may not adopt any standard or
3 regulation to require school districts to adopt high school
4 graduation requirements or implement a new series of Statewide
5 competency assessments and related support services unless
6 express authority to do so is enacted after the effective date
7 of this subsection.

8 Section 2. Section 2606-B of the act is amended to read:

9 Section 2606-B. Cooperation Between the Board and the
10 Department of Education.--(a) Statements of policy, standards,
11 rules and regulations promulgated by the board shall be binding
12 upon the Department of Education. The department shall submit to
13 the board for approval, modification or rejection, all rules and
14 regulations proposed by the department in the areas under the
15 control of the board. The Department of Education shall furnish
16 upon request of the board such data and information as the board
17 may, from time to time, require, and the department shall
18 provide administrative services for and on behalf of the board
19 for the implementation of the board's statements of policy,
20 standards, rules and regulations.

21 (b) No State funds shall be expended for the development of
22 a new system of high school graduation requirements which may
23 include a series of graduation competency assessment as provided
24 under section 2603-B(1) unless express authority for such
25 requirements is enacted after the effective date of this
26 subsection.

27 Section 3. This act shall apply retroactively to January 1,
28 2008.

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.