

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA



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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 1, 2009

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 powers and~~
6 ~~duties of the State Board of Education~~ PROVIDING FOR WORLD
7 LANGUAGE PROGRAM. 


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

10 ~~Section 1. Section 2603 B(a) of the act of March 10, 1949~~
11 ~~(P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added~~
12 ~~March 30, 1988 (P.L.321, No.43), is amended to read:~~ 

13 ~~Section 2603 B. Powers and Duties of the Board. (a) The~~
14 ~~board shall have the power, and its duty shall be, to review the~~
15 ~~statements of policy, standards, rules and regulations~~
16 ~~formulated by the Council of Basic Education and the Council of~~
17 ~~Higher Education, and adopt broad policies and principles, and~~
18 ~~establish standards governing the educational program of the~~
19 ~~Commonwealth. Standards under this subsection shall include the~~

~~development of a program for teaching world languages throughout
the elementary and secondary curricula. Nothing in this section
shall be construed as either requiring or precluding the
adoption, by the board, of world language standards which would
require a demonstration of proficiency as a graduation
requirement or participation of all students in a world language
program.~~

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SECTION 1. THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN
AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
SECTION TO READ:

SECTION 1522.1. WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAM.--THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR TEACHING WORLD LANGUAGES
THROUGHOUT THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY CURRICULA. THE
DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH STATE STANDARDS FOR THE WORLD
LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND SHALL MAKE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS
MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM.

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