

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 17, 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," in high schools, further providing  
6 for academic degrees.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1611 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.  
10 30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended  
11 by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 1611. Academic Degrees.--\* \* \*

13 (a.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article XXVI-B, or  
14 any other provision of law, any Statewide requirements for high  
15 school graduation from a public school entity in this  
16 Commonwealth, beyond any Statewide requirements in effect as of  
17 the effective date of this subsection, shall be established only  
18 by an act of the General Assembly. The Department of Education  
19 shall not develop such Statewide requirements until the General

1 Assembly specifically appropriates funds for the development of  
2 Statewide requirements for high school graduation.

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.