## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, DECEMBER 6, 2011

## AN ACT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in charter schools, further providing for definitions, for charter school requirements, for powers of board of trustees, for powers and duties of department, for assessment and evaluation, for cyber charter school requirements and prohibitions, for school district and intermediate unit responsibilities, for establishment of cyber charter school, for cyber charter school application, for enrollment and notification and for applicability of other provisions of this act and of other acts and regulations.
15	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16	hereby enacts as follows:
17	Section 1. Section 1703-A of the act of March 10, 1949
18	(P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
19	amended by adding definitions to read:
20	Section 1703-A. DefinitionsAs used in this article,
21	* * *
22	"Closely related business entity" shall mean an organization

1	with a management or operational relationship with a charter
2	school involving either shared or overlapping aspects of
3	corporate identity such as ownership, board of directors or
4	trustees membership, capital or profits.
5	"Cyber charter education real cost level" shall mean the
6	amount established by the department under section 1741-A (a)(7)
7	<u>(i).</u>
8	* * *
9	"Cyber charter school fund balance limit" shall mean the
10	amount determined under section 1741-A.
11	"Cyber charter special education real cost level" shall mean
12	the amount established by the department under section 1741-A
13	<u>(a)(7)(ii).</u>
14	* * *
15	"Employment cost index" shall have the same meaning as given
16	to it in section 302 of the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess.,
17	P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act.
18	"Immediate relative" shall mean a grandparent, parent,
19	spouse, former spouse, child, grandchild, brother, sister or
20	cousin; a child of a spouse, former spouse, brother, sister or
21	cousin; or a spouse or former spouse of a grandparent, parent,
22	child, grandchild, brother, sister, cousin, nephew or niece.
23	Family members in these categories of relationship shall include
24	first degree, in-law, half, adopted and step-relatives.
25	* * *
26	Section 2. Section 1715-A heading, introductory paragraph
27	and (12) of the act, added June 19, 1997 (P.L.225, No.22) and
28	July 9, 2008 (P.L.846, No.61), are amended and the section is
29	amended by adding clauses to read:
30	Section 1715-A. Charter and Cyber Charter School
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1 Requirements.--Charter schools <u>and</u>, <u>as indicated</u>, <u>cyber charter</u>
2 <u>schools</u> shall be required to comply with the following
3 provisions:

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5 (12) A person who serves as an administrator for a charter 6 or cyber charter school or any immediate relative thereof shall 7 not receive compensation, travel benefits or a gift of any value 8 from another charter school or from a company that provides management or other services to another charter or cyber charter 9 10 school. The term "administrator" shall include the chief executive officer of a charter or cyber charter school and all 11 12 other employes of a charter or cyber charter school who by 13 virtue of their positions exercise management or operational 14 oversight responsibilities. A person who serves as an administrator for a charter or cyber charter school shall be a 15 public official under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to ethics 16 17 standards and financial disclosure). A violation of this clause shall constitute a violation of 65 Pa.C.S. § 1103(a) (relating 18 19 to restricted activities), and the violator shall be subject to 20 the penalties imposed under the jurisdiction of the State Ethics 21 Commission.

22 (13) Members of the board of trustees and administrators of 23 a cyber charter school shall be deemed to be public officials 24 and subject to the provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Chs. 7 (relating to 25 open meetings) and 11 (relating to ethics standards and 26 financial disclosure). A violation of this clause shall 27 constitute a violation of 65 Pa.C.S. § 1103(a) (relating to 28 restricted activities) and the violator shall be subject to the penalties imposed under the jurisdiction of the State Ethics 29

30 <u>Commission</u>.

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1	(14) Members of the board of trustees and administrators of
2	a cyber charter school shall be subject to the following
3	statutory requirements:
4	<u>(i) The act of July 19, 1957 (P.L.1017, No.451), known as</u>
5	the "State Adverse Interest Act."
6	(ii) The act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as
7	<u>the "Right-to-Know Law."</u>
8	(15) Notwithstanding section 322, an administrator,
9	supervisor, principal, teacher or employe of a cyber charter
10	school shall not serve on a local board of school directors
11	which granted or renewed the cyber charter school's charter.
12	This clause shall not prevent an administrator, supervisor,
13	teacher or employe of a cyber charter school from being a school
14	director in a district other than a district that granted or
15	renewed the cyber charter school's charter. Such school director
16	shall not participate in any board action affecting or impacting
17	the cyber charter school in which the school director is an
18	administrator, supervisor, principal, teacher or employe.
19	(16) All members of the board of trustees and administrators
20	of a cyber charter school shall take the oath of office as
21	required by section 321 before entering upon the duties of their
22	respective offices. Elected officials, their families, their
23	staffs and their relatives shall not serve as trustees for the
24	cyber charter school or any related foundation.
25	Section 3. Section 1716-A(b) of the act, added June 19, 1997
26	(P.L.225, No.22), is amended and the section is amended by
27	adding subsections to read:
28	Section 1716-A. Powers of Board of Trustees* * *
29	(b) No member of a local board of school directors of a
30	school entity, nor an employe or family member shall serve on
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1 the board of trustees of a charter school [that is located in 2 the member's district] or on the board of a closely related 3 business entity. \* \* \* 4 (d) An elected official and such official's immediate family 5 and compensated or volunteer staff may not serve as trustees for 6 7 a cyber charter school or any related or associated foundation. 8 (e) No public employe, as defined by the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.883, No.170), referred to as the Public Official and 9 Employee Ethics Law, including the immediate staff, employes or 10 family members of a public official or public employe, shall 11 serve on the board of trustees of a charter school. 12 13 (f) No member of the board of trustees of a cyber charter school or an immediate family member of any such trustee shall 14 15 be employed by: 16 (1) the cyber charter school or have any contract with the 17 cyber charter school; 18 (2) any entity that has a contract with the cyber charter 19 school; or 20 (3) any entity that has a contract or a subcontract 21 to perform any services for or on behalf of the cyber charter 22 school. 23 (q) No member of a cyber charter school board of trustees or 24 any such trustee's immediate family member shall be employed by, have an equitable or beneficial ownership interest in or have a 25 26 contract or subcontract with an educational management service 27 provider or closely related business entity which is under 28 contract with or otherwise, directly or indirectly, performs services for or on behalf of the cyber charter school or any 29 foundation related to or associated with the cyber charter 30

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1 <u>school.</u>

2	(h) No member of the board of trustees of a cyber charter
3	school nor an administrator of a cyber charter school shall
4	convert to his or her own use, by way of investment or contract,
5	any portion of the cyber charter school funds or property or
6	deposit any of the funds of the cyber charter school in any name
7	other than that of the cyber charter school.
8	(i) No business or other entity with which a member of the
9	board of trustees of a cyber charter school, an administrator or
10	an immediate family member is associated as defined in 65
11	Pa.C.S. § 1102 (relating to definitions) shall contract with the
12	cyber charter school unless the cyber charter school complies
13	with the requirements of 65 Pa.C.S. § 1103(f) (relating to_
14	restricted activities).
15	(j) No member of the board of trustees, an administrator or
16	an immediate family member of a member of the board of trustees
17	or an administrator of a cyber charter school shall act as an
18	agent for any vendor, subvendor or closely related business
19	entity with the local board of school directors or cyber charter
20	<u>school.</u>
21	(k) No member of the board of trustees of a cyber charter
22	school nor any administrator of a cyber charter school shall
23	commingle or allow the commingling of any portion of the cyber
24	charter school funds or property or deposit any of the funds of
25	the cyber charter school in accounts unrelated to the cyber
26	<u>charger school.</u>
27	(1) No member of the board of trustees of a cyber charter
28	school nor any administrator of a cyber charter school shall be
29	employed by a cyber charter school foundation or any entity
30	affiliated with a charter or cyber charter school foundation. No
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1	immediate family member of a member of the board of trustees,
2	nor an administrator of the cyber charter school shall serve on,
3	receive compensation from or be employed by a charter or cyber
4	charter school foundation or any entity affiliated with a
5	charter or cyber charter school foundation.
6	Section 4. Section 1741-A(a) of the act is amended by adding
7	paragraphs to read:
8	Section 1741-A. Powers and duties of department.
9	(a) Powers and dutiesThe department shall:
10	* * *
11	(6) Promulgate regulations in accordance with the act of
12	June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory
13	Review Act, that provide all of the following with regard to
14	cyber charter schools:
15	(i) The minimum number of hours that students shall
16	receive instruction by the cyber charger school through
17	the Internet or other electronic means or engaged in
18	educational activities of the cyber charter school in
19	order to meet the attendance requirements of 22 Pa. Code
20	Ch. 11 (relating to student attendance).
21	(ii) The requirements that the cyber charter school
22	shall meet to demonstrate in its annual report to the
23	department, due by August 1 of each year under section
24	1743-A(f), that the minimum number of online and offline
25	hours have been attained by each student.
26	(7) For the 2011-2012 school year and each school year
27	thereafter, the department shall establish a cyber charter
28	education real cost level and a cyber charter special
29	education real cost level as follows:
30	(i) The department shall establish the cyber charter

1	education real cost level for the 2012-2013 school year
2	by determining the actual instruction expense as defined
3	in section 2501. The amount shall be certified by the
4	department and adjusted annually by the employment cost
5	index.
6	(ii) The department shall establish the cyber
7	charter special education real cost level for the
8	2012-2013 school year by calculating the sum of the
9	amount determined under subparagraph (i) and the lowest
10	2011-2012 expenditures for special education per special
11	education student of all cyber charter schools that
12	achieved adequate yearly progress in the 2011-2012 school
13	year. The amount shall be certified by the department and
14	adjusted annually by the percentage increase in the
15	average of the Statewide average weekly wage and the
16	employment cost index.
17	(8) In the 2012-2013 school year and each school year
18	thereafter, the cyber charter school shall receive for each
19	nonspecial education student enrolled not less than an amount
20	equal to the cyber charter education real cost as determined
21	by the department under paragraph (7)(i). This amount shall
22	be paid by the department.
23	(9) In the 2012-2013 school year and each school year
24	thereafter, the cyber charter school shall receive for each
25	special education student enrolled not less than an amount
26	equal to the cyber charter special education real cost as
27	determined by the department under paragraph (7)(ii). This
28	amount shall be paid by the department.
29	(10) Payments shall be made to the cyber charter school
30	in 12 equal monthly payments, by the fifth day of each month,
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1	within the operating school year. A student enrolled in a
2	cyber charter school shall be included in the average daily
3	membership of the cyber charter school and not in the average
4	daily membership of the school district of residence.
5	* * *
6	Section 5. Section 1742-A(1) of the act, added June 29, 2002
7	(P.L.524, No.88), is amended to read:
8	Section 1742-A. Assessment and evaluation.
9	The department shall:
10	(1) [Annually] <u>No later than October 1 of each year,</u>
11	assess whether each cyber charter school is meeting the goals
12	of its charter and is in compliance with the provisions of
13	the charter and conduct a comprehensive review prior to
14	granting a five-year renewal of the charter. <u>The department</u>
15	shall provide each cyber charter school with the results of
16	the school's annual assessment in the form of a written
17	report to be submitted both through United States mail and
18	electronically by no later than November 1 of each year. The
19	report shall be posted on the department's publicly
20	accessible Internet website for not less than a five-year
21	period or until the expiration of the cyber charter school's
22	current charter, which ever occurs first.
23	* * *
24	Section 6. Section 1743-A(a), (b), (c) and (f) of the act,
25	added June 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), are amended and the
26	section is amended by adding subsections to read:
27	Section 1743-A. Cyber charter school requirements and
28	prohibitions.
29	(a) Special financial requirements prohibitedA cyber
30	charter school shall not <u>engage in any of the following</u> :

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1	(1) [provide] <u>Provide</u> discounts to	a school district or
2	waive payments under section 1725-A for	any student[;] <u>.</u>
3	(2) [except] <u>Except</u> as provided for	or in subsection (e),
4	provide payments to parents or guardiar	ns for the purchase of
5	instructional materials[; or].	
6	(3) [except] <u>Except</u> as compensation	on for the provision of
7	specific services, enter into agreement	s to provide funds to
8	a school entity.	
9	(4) (i) For the 2011-2012 school	year and each school
10	<u>year thereafter, accumulate an unre</u>	eserved, undesignated
11	fund balance greater than the cyber	charter fund balance
12	limit, which shall be determined as	s follows:
13	<u>Cyber Charter School</u>	Maximum Unreserved,
14	Total Budgeted	Undesignated Fund
15	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance as Percentage</u>
16		<u>of Total Budgeted</u>
17		<u>Expenditures</u>
17 18	<u>Less than or equal to \$11,999,999</u>	<u>Expenditures</u> <u>12%</u>
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18	-	<u>128</u>
18 19	Between \$12,000,000 and \$12,999,999	<u>12%</u> <u>11.5%</u>
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1	school districts that serve as the resident school
2	district for the student enrolled in the cyber charter
3	school.
4	(5) Utilize funding received in accordance with section
5	<u>1741-A for:</u>
6	(i) any paid media advertisement, including
7	television, radio, movie theater, billboard, bus poster,
8	newspaper, magazine, the Internet or any other commercial
9	method that may promote the enrollment of a cyber charter
10	<pre>school;</pre>
11	(ii) any lobbying, legislative advocacy consulting
12	or any effort to influence Federal or State legislation
13	or policy affecting that cyber charter school or cyber
14	charter schools in general; or
15	(iii) any bonuses or additional compensation beyond
16	what is documented in section 1747-A(17).
17	(b) EnrollmentA cyber charter school shall [report to the
18	department an increase or a decrease of 30% or more in its
19	anticipated enrollment] request approval from the department in
20	order to increase its enrollment beyond the enrollment set forth
21	in the application under section 1747-A(11).
22	(c) [School districtA cyber charter school] <u>Department</u>
23	The department shall make available upon request without cost to
24	the requestor, either in writing or electronically, [to each
25	student's school district of residence] the following:
26	(1) A copy of the charter.
27	(2) A copy of the cyber charter school application.
28	(3) A copy of all annual reports prepared by the cyber
29	charter school.
30	[(4) A list of all students from that school district
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1 enrolled in the cyber charter school.]

2 (c.1) School district. -- A cyber charter school shall, without cost to the requestor, make available upon request, 3 either in writing or electronically, to each student's school 4 district of residence a list of all students from that school 5 district currently enrolled in the cyber charter school. 6 7 \* \* \* (e.1) Ownership of property.--All computers, software and 8 9 Internet connections purchased by the cyber charter school shall 10 be the property of the cyber charter school. If a student discontinues enrollment in a cyber charter school, the student 11 12 shall return the school's property in useable condition or pay a 13 civil penalty in the form of fair market value for the property. 14 (f) Annual report.--A cyber charter school shall submit an annual report no later than August 1 of each year to the 15 16 department in the form prescribed by the department. The annual 17 report shall include disclosure of itemized compensation as 18 provided in section 1747-A(17). 19 \* \* \* 20 (j) Employees.--21 (1) Professional employees who hold a first level 22 teaching or administrative certificate may petition the department to have the time completed in satisfactory service 23 24 in a cyber charter school applied to the length of service 25 requirements for the next level of certification. Such 26 service shall not be credited for the purpose of salary 27 schedule placement for other public school entities. (2) The department shall establish guidelines governing 28 29 acceptable criteria for approval of a petition under this 30 subsection.

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1 (k) Out-of-State students.--A cyber charter school may not expend any funds, including funds provided by the Commonwealth 2 3 or by a school district, on the education of any student who is not a resident of a Pennsylvania school district. 4 5 Section 7. Section 1744-A(3) and (4) of the act, added Jun 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), are amended to read: 6 Section 1744-A. School district and intermediate unit 7 8 responsibilities. 9 An intermediate unit or a school district in which a student enrolled in a cyber charter school resides shall do all of the 10 11 following: \* \* \* 12 13 (3) Upon request and subject to agreement between a 14 cyber charter school and an intermediate unit or school 15 district, provide assistance to the cyber charter school in the delivery of services to a student with disabilities. The 16 17 school district or intermediate unit shall not charge the 18 cyber charter school more for a service than it charges a 19 school district. 20 [(4) Make payments to the cyber charter school under 21 section 1725-A.] 22 Section 8. Section 1745-A(f) of the act is amended by adding 23 a paragraph to read: 24 Section 1745-A. Establishment of cyber charter school. 25 \* \* \* (f) Evaluation criteria.--26 \* \* \* 27 28 (3.1) If a cyber charter school fails to comply with 22 29 Pa. Code § 4.51 (relating to State assessment system) for more than four consecutive years, the management of the cyber 30

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1	charter school, including all officers, trustees and other
2	identified associates in section 1719-A, shall immediately be
3	suspended, following the last day of the fourth school year,
4	and the implementation of all or some of the following
5	strategies shall be conducted by the resident school district
6	for a majority of the students enrolled in the cyber charter
7	school and the department:
8	(i) Replacing the principal and granting the
9	principal sufficient operational flexibility, including
10	in staffing, calendars, time and budgeting, to implement
11	fully a comprehensive approach in order to substantially
12	improve student achievement outcomes and increase high
13	school graduation rates.
14	(ii) Using locally adopted competencies to measure
15	the effectiveness of staff who can work within the
16	turnaround environment to meet the needs of the students
16 17	turnaround environment to meet the needs of the students by:
17	by:
17 18	by: (A) Screening all existing staff and rehiring
17 18 19	by: (A) Screening all existing staff and rehiring not more than 50% of the existing staff.
17 18 19 20	by: (A) Screening all existing staff and rehiring not more than 50% of the existing staff. (B) Selecting new staff.
17 18 19 20 21	by: (A) Screening all existing staff and rehiring not more than 50% of the existing staff. (B) Selecting new staff. (iii) Implementing the strategies as financial
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17 18 19 20 21 22 23	by: (A) Screening all existing staff and rehiring not more than 50% of the existing staff. (B) Selecting new staff. (iii) Implementing the strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth and more flexible work conditions that are
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	by: (A) Screening all existing staff and rehiring not more than 50% of the existing staff. (B) Selecting new staff. (iii) Implementing the strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place and retain staff with the
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1	equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning
2	and have the capacity to successfully implement school
3	<u>reform strategies.</u>
4	(v) Adopting a new governance structure, requiring
5	the school to report to the resident school district for
6	a majority of the students enrolled in the cyber charter
7	school, hiring a turnaround leader who reports directly
8	to the superintendent or chief academic officer or
9	entering into a multiyear contract with the school
10	district to obtain added flexibility in exchange for
11	greater accountability.
12	(vi) Using data to identify and implement an
13	instructional program that is research-based and
14	vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as
15	aligned with the State academic standards.
15 16	<u>aligned with the State academic standards.</u> (vii) Promoting the continuous use of student data
16	(vii) Promoting the continuous use of student data
16 17	(vii) Promoting the continuous use of student data from assessments to inform and differentiate instruction
16 17 18	(vii) Promoting the continuous use of student data from assessments to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual
16 17 18 19	(vii) Promoting the continuous use of student data from assessments to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students.
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16 17 18 19 20 21	<pre>(vii) Promoting the continuous use of student data from assessments to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students. (viii) Establishing schedules and implementing strategies that provide increased learning time.</pre>
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29 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), is amended and the section is amended by 30 adding a paragraph to read:

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1 Section 1747-A. Cyber charter school application. 2 In addition to the provisions of section 1719-A, an 3 application to establish a cyber charter school shall also include the following: 4 \* \* \* 5 The maximum level of [anticipated] enrollment 6 (11)7 during each school year of the proposed charter, including 8 expected increases due to the addition of grade levels. \* \* \* 9 10 (17) The annual or termed contractual compensation for 11 all faculty, administration and staff, including salary, 12 benefits and any additional compensation not specifically 13 enumerated. 14 Section 10. Section 1748-A(a)(1) and (2)(i), (vi) and (vii) and (c) of the act, added June 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), are 15 16 amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to 17 read: 18 Section 1748-A. Enrollment and notification. 19 (a) Notice to school district.--20 Within [15] ten days of the enrollment of a student (1)21 to a cyber charter school, the parent or quardian and the 22 cyber charter school shall notify the student's school 23 district of residence of the enrollment through the use of 24 the notification form under subsection (b). 25 If a school district which has received notice under (2)26 paragraph (1) determines that a student is not a resident of 27 the school district, the following apply: 28 (i) Within [seven] ten days of receipt of the notice 29 under paragraph (1), the school district shall notify the cyber charter school and the department that the student 30 20110HB1973PN2823 - 16 -

is not a resident of the school district. Notification of
 nonresidence shall include the basis for the
 determination.

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5 (vi) [A school district] <u>The department</u> shall 6 continue to make payments to a cyber charter school under 7 section 1725-A during the time in which the school 8 district of residence of a student is in dispute.

9 [(vii) If a final determination is made that a 10 student is not a resident of an appealing school 11 district, the cyber charter school shall return all funds 12 provided on behalf of that student to the school district 13 within 30 days.]

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(c) Withdrawal.--The cyber charter school and the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a cyber charter school shall provide written notification to the student's school district of residence within [15] <u>ten</u> days following the withdrawal of a student from the cyber charter school.

20 (d) Enrollment.--No cyber charter school shall be approved for enrollment of students by the department until the cyber 21 charter school has demonstrated to the department in writing 22 23 satisfaction of a charter agreement under section 1715-A(13). 24 (e) Truancy.--If a school district receives a notification of enrollment form, as required under subsection (a)(1), that a 25 26 resident student who is a truant from the school district schools has enrolled in a cyber charter school, the school\_ 27 28 district shall notify the cyber charter school in writing about\_ 29 the student's truancy. The following shall apply: 30 (1) Upon receipt of notice by the resident school

1	<u>district of a student's truancy at the school district</u>
2	school, the cyber charter school shall provide to the
3	student's resident school district evidence during the first
4	three months that the student is enrolled in the cyber
5	charter school, receiving educational instruction and
6	completing assignments as required by the cyber charter
7	<u>school.</u>
8	(2) If any student enrolled in the cyber charter school
9	accrues three or more days of unlawful absences, the cyber
10	charter school shall institute truancy proceedings under
11	section 1333.
12	Section 11. Section 1749-A(a) of the act, added June 29,
13	2002 (P.L.524, No.88), is amended to read:
14	Section 1749-A. Applicability of other provisions of this act
15	and of other acts and regulations.
16	(a) General requirementsCyber charter schools shall be
17	subject to the following:
18	(1) Sections 108, 110, 111, 321, 325, 326, 327, 431,
19	436, 443, 510, 518, 527, <u>609, 687(a), (b), (c), (d), (h) and</u>
20	<u>(j),</u> 708, 752, 753, [755,] 771, 776, 777, <u>807.1,</u> 808, 809,
21	810, 1109, 1111, 1112(a), 1205.1, 1205.2, 1301, 1302, 1310,
22	1317.2, 1318, 1330, 1332, <u>1333, 1354, 1355,</u> 1303-A, 1518,
23	1521, 1523, 1531, 1547, 1702-A, 1703-A, 1714-A, 1715-A, 1716-
24	A, 1719-A, 1721-A, 1722-A, 1723-A(a) and (b), 1724-A, 1725-A,
25	1727-A, 1729-A, 1730-A, 1731-A(a)(1) and (b) and 2014-A and
26	Articles XII-A, XIII-A [and], XIV and XXIV.
27	(2) The act of July 17, 1961 (P.L.776, No.341), known as
28	the Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act.
29	(3) The act of July 19, 1965 (P.L.215, No.116), entitled
30	"An act providing for the use of eye protective devices by

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1 persons engaged in hazardous activities or exposed to known 2 dangers in schools, colleges and universities."

3 (4) Section 4 of the act of January 25, 1966 (1965
4 P.L.1546, No.541), entitled "An act providing scholarships
5 and providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified
6 students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need
7 financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of
8 higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for
9 the administration of this act."

10 (5) The act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.765, No.181) entitled 11 "An act relating to drugs and alcohol and their abuse, 12 providing for projects and programs and grants to educational 13 agencies, other public or private agencies, institutions or 14 organizations."

15 (6) The act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1595, No.175),
16 known as the Antihazing Law.

17 (7) The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
18 (Public Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.).
19 (8) The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

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21 Section 12. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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