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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, DECEMBER 9, 2013

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 data collection
6 reduction.

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 221.2. Data Collection Reduction.--(a) The
13 department shall:

14 (1) In consultation with the advisory committee established
15 under subsection (c), identify public school entity reporting
16 obligations that are no longer necessary in the areas of
17 finance, human resources, food services, transportation, child
18 accounting, athletics, health and special education and publish
19 a list of such unnecessary reporting requirements in the

Pennsylvania Bulletin within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, suspend all public school entity reporting obligations identified as no longer necessary pursuant to paragraph (1) within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the effective date of this section.

(b) Once a reporting obligation has been eliminated pursuant to this section, the Department of Education shall not resume the collection of any data subject to the eliminated reporting obligation.

(c) The advisory committee required under this section shall consist of the following:

(1) The following members, to be appointed by the Secretary of Education in consultation with education associations representing school districts, charter school entities and area vocational-technical schools:

(i) Three school district business managers.

(ii) Three charter school entity business managers.

(iii) Three area vocational-technical school business managers.

(2) The chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate.

(3) The chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives.

(4) Two members who shall be selected by the secretary from among the citizens of this Commonwealth.

(d) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Charter school entity" shall mean a charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school as such terms are defined in section 1703-A.

1 (2) "Public school entity" shall mean any of the following:
2 (i) An area vocational-technical school.
3 (ii) A school district.
4 (iii) A charter school entity.
5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.