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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 pupils and attendance, further  
6 defining "compulsory school age."

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

9 Section 1. The definition of "compulsory school age" in  
10 section 1326 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, added November 3, 2016  
12 (P.L.1061, No.138), is amended to read:

13 Section 1326. Definitions.--When used in this article, the  
14 following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

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16 "Compulsory school age" shall mean the period of a child's  
17 life from the time the child's parents elect to have the child  
18 enter school [and] as a beginner as defined in section 1304,  
19 which shall be no later than eight (8) years of age until the  
20 child reaches seventeen (17) years of age. The term does not

1 include a child who holds a certificate of graduation from a  
2 regularly accredited, licensed, registered or approved high  
3 school.

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