

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SONNEY, ROEBUCK, CALTAGIRONE, HARKINS, ISAACSON, JAMES, SCHLOSSBERG, VITALI, ZABEL, KORTZ, SNYDER, CIRESI, STAATS AND TOOHL, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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 charter schools, providing for
 6 full-time cyber education program offered by school district.

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 1723.1-A. Full-time Cyber Education Program Offered
 13 by School District.--(a) Notwithstanding section 1725-A(a)(1)
 14 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the following
 15 shall apply to a student who resides in a school district that
 16 offers a full-time cyber education program:

17 (1) If the student enrolls in the full-time cyber education
 18 program offered by the school district of residence, the
 19 student's enrollment in the cyber education program shall be

1 subject to no tuition or fees other than fees that the school
2 district imposes on its students generally.

3 (2) If the student chooses to enroll in a cyber charter
4 school, the student or the student's parent or guardian shall be
5 responsible to pay the cyber charter school a per-student amount
6 calculated in the manner set forth in section 1725-A(a)(2) and
7 (3). Such payments shall be made to the cyber charter school in
8 twelve (12) equal monthly payments, by the fifth day of each
9 month, within the operating school year. A student enrolled in a
10 cyber charter school under this clause shall not be included in
11 the average daily membership of the student's school district of
12 residence for the purpose of providing basic education funding
13 payments and special education funding pursuant to Article XXV.

14 (b) As used in this section, "full-time cyber education
15 program" shall mean a complete course of study that is offered
16 by a school district in which the school district uses
17 technology in order to provide a significant portion of its
18 curriculum and to deliver a significant portion of instruction
19 to its students through the Internet or other electronic means
20 and that is not a cyber charter school established under section
21 1745-A.

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