
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY O'NEAL, GROVE, LEWIS, OWLETT, PETRARCA, HERSHEY,
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ZIMMERMAN, KAUFER, CALTAGIRONE, KIM, BOROWICZ, GAYDOS AND
GLEIM, OCTOBER 15, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 15, 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 pupils and attendance, further
6 providing for definitions.

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, amended June 28, 2019
12 (P.L.117, No.16), 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 which shall be no later than six (6) years of
19 age until the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age. The term

1 does not include a child who holds a certificate of graduation
2 from a regularly accredited, licensed, registered or approved
3 high school[.], a child who has completed a secondary level
4 program of instruction from a private tutor under section
5 1327(a) or a home education program under section 1327.1 or a
6 child under eight (8) years of age whose parent or guardian
7 files a notice with the superintendent of the school district of
8 the intention to enroll the child in a program under sections
9 1327(a) or 1327.1.

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