

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 653 Session of 2019

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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 providing for immunization required and penalty.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1303(d) of the act of March 10, 1949  
 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
 11 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to  
 12 read:

13 Section 1303. Immunization Required; Penalty.--\* \* \*

14 [(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply in the  
 15 case of any child whose parent or guardian objects in writing to  
 16 such immunization on religious grounds.]

17 (e) Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary,  
 18 a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious  
 19 belief may not qualify as an exemption from the immunization  
 20 requirements of this section.

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