

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1344 Session of 2020

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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 terms and courses of study,  
6 further providing for pandemic of 2020.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1501.8(a) and (n) of the act of March 10,  
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
11 added March 27, 2020 (P.L.62, No.13), are amended and the  
12 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 1501.8. Pandemic of 2020.--(a) This section applies  
14 only to the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the [global  
15 pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on March 11,  
16 2020] pandemic of 2020.

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18 (m.1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), this subsection  
19 applies only to the 2020-2021 school year as a result of the  
20 pandemic of 2020. Each school entity shall either:

1 (1) prohibit the use of its school buildings as polling  
2 places for the November 2020 general election; or

3 (2) if a school building in the school entity is being used  
4 as a polling place for the November 2020 general election, close  
5 the school building on the day of the general election and at  
6 least the day following the general election for cleaning and  
7 sanitizing of the school building in accordance with cleaning  
8 and sanitizing recommendations provided by the CDC.

9 (n) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
10 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
11 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "CDC." United States Centers for Disease Control and  
13 Prevention.

14 "NIMS assessment." An assessment based on the National  
15 Institute for Metalworking Skills standards.

16 "NOCTI exam." A National Occupational Competency Testing  
17 Institute exam.

18 "Pandemic of 2020." The global pandemic declared by the  
19 World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.

20 "School entity." Any school district, intermediate unit,  
21 area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter  
22 school or regional charter school a child attends in order to  
23 fulfill the compulsory attendance requirements of this act.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.