

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," further providing for Keystone Exams.

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

8 Section 1. Section 121 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
9 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added June 30,
10 2012 (P.L.684, No.82), is amended to read:

11 Section 121. Keystone Exams.--[Subject to annual
12 appropriation, not later than the 2020-2021 school year, the]
13 (a) The Department of Education shall develop and implement
14 Keystone Exams in [the following subjects:] algebra I,
15 literature[, biology, English composition, algebra II, geometry,
16 United States history, chemistry, civics and government and
17 world history.] and biology, as required by the No Child Left
18 Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110, 115 Stat. 1425) or any
19 successor statute. The State Board of Education shall promulgate

1 regulations, subject to the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633,
2 No.181), known as the "Regulatory Review Act," necessary to
3 implement this section.

4 (b) Notwithstanding section 2604-B(b)(2)(v), 22 Pa. Code §
5 4.24 (relating to high school graduation requirements) or 4.51
6 (relating to State assessment system) or any statute or
7 regulation to the contrary, neither the Department of Education
8 nor the State Board of Education may establish any minimum level
9 of student performance on a Keystone Exam or any other Statewide
10 assessment as a graduation requirement.

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