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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2575** Session of  
1976

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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," further providing for certain courses  
6 of study.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1511, act of March 30, 1949 (P.L.30,  
10 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July  
11 31, 1968 (P.L.1020, No.301), is amended to read:

12 Section 1511. Subjects of Instruction; Flag Code.--In every  
13 elementary public and private school, established and maintained  
14 in this Commonwealth, the following subjects shall be taught, in  
15 the English language and from English texts: English, including  
16 spelling, reading and writing, arithmetic, geography, the  
17 history of the United States and of Pennsylvania, civics,  
18 including loyalty to the State and National Government, safety  
19 education, and the humane treatment of birds and animals,  
20 health, including physical education, and physiology, music

1 [and], art and, at the high school level the theory, history,  
2 foundation and operation of the free enterprise system and the  
3 manner in which the free enterprise system is actually  
4 practiced. Other subjects shall be taught in the public  
5 elementary schools and also in the public high schools as may be  
6 prescribed by the standards of the State Board of Education. All  
7 such subjects, except foreign languages, shall be taught in the  
8 English language and from English texts: Provided, however,  
9 That, at the discretion of the [Superintendent of Public  
10 Instruction] Secretary of Education, the teaching of subjects in  
11 a language other than English may be permitted as part of a  
12 sequence in foreign language study or as part of a bilingual  
13 education program if the teaching personnel are properly  
14 certified in the subject fields. Each school district shall  
15 provide and distribute to each pupil, enrolled in the eighth  
16 grade of the public schools, one illustrated copy of the  
17 National Flag Code, and shall, from time to time, make available  
18 such copies as are necessary for replacements from year to year.  
19 It shall be the duty of each teacher in the public schools to  
20 make such use of the code as may, from time to time, seem  
21 proper.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.