

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. GALLAGHER, LINCOLN, PANCOAST, GARZIA,  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 3, 1977

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled,  
2 "An act relating to the public school system, including  
3 certain provisions applicable as well to private and  
4 parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and  
5 changing the laws relating thereto," by providing for the  
6 emergency generated by the gas crisis in relationship to the  
7 length of the school year, the compensation of employes and  
8 the graduation of qualified students.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

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

14 Section 1501.1. Weather Emergency of 1977.--(a) For the  
15 school year 1976-77 all public and approved private  
16 kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools, vocational-  
17 technical schools, and intermediate unit programs of  
18 instruction, shall make every effort to keep open for at least  
19 one hundred seventy-seven (177) days of instruction for pupils.  
20 No public or approved private kindergarten, elementary or

1 secondary school, vocational-technical school, or intermediate  
2 unit program of instruction which was closed because of the  
3 Weather Emergency and which makes a good faith effort as  
4 determined by the Secretary of Education to keep open for at  
5 least one hundred seventy-seven (177) days of instruction for  
6 pupils shall receive less subsidy payments or reimbursements  
7 than it would otherwise be entitled to receive on account of the  
8 school year 1976-77. No employe of any school closed by reason  
9 of the Weather Emergency of 1977 shall receive MORE OR less <—  
10 compensation, INCLUDING ANY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS <—  
11 PAID, than that to which the employe would otherwise have been  
12 entitled to FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR <—  
13 VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL, had the Weather Emergency of 1977  
14 not occurred.

15 (b) An employe shall not receive additional salary for  
16 services rendered on days rescheduled as a result of the Weather  
17 Emergency of 1977, unless the number of days rescheduled extends  
18 the number of days provided for in the original school calendar;  
19 in which case, an employe shall receive a prorata increase for  
20 such additional days.

21 (c) A school district shall not be required to change its  
22 high school graduation schedule or require graduating students  
23 to return to school after graduation to demonstrate good faith  
24 for the purposes of subsection (a).

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall  
26 expire on June 30, 1977.