

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1628 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY BUTKOVITZ, JUNE 16, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JUNE 16, 2003

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 distress in
6 school districts of the first class.

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

9 Section 1. Section 696(i) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

12 Section 696. Distress in School Districts of the First
13 Class.--* * *

14 (i) In addition to all powers granted to the superintendent
15 by law and a special board of control under section 693 and
16 notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the School Reform
17 Commission shall have the following powers:

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19 (15) (i) To, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,

1 be the only entity to establish the rules and procedures for the
2 process for disciplining students. The School Reform Commission
3 shall deliver the rules and procedure to the Secretary of
4 Education within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this
5 paragraph. Upon receipt by the secretary of the rules and
6 procedure all disciplinary rules, procedures or standards
7 currently in effect in a distressed school district of the first
8 class shall be void. Upon adoption, any amendments to the rules
9 and procedures shall be delivered to the secretary.

10 (ii) A distressed school district of the first class shall
11 not be required to adopt or enforce any rule or procedure
12 established by the School Reform Commission that is more
13 stringent than those required by the United States Constitution,
14 the Constitution of Pennsylvania or Federal law.

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16 Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar
17 as they are inconsistent with this act.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.