

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JULY 24, 2013

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 preliminary provisions, providing  
6 for establishment of advisory committee; and imposing a  
7 moratorium on implementation of Common Core Standards..

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

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

13 Section 123. Establishment of Advisory Committee and  
14 Imposition of Moratorium on Implementation of Common Core  
15 Standards.--(a) An advisory committee is established to review  
16 research and data that supports and rejects the use of Common  
17 Core Standards for education in this Commonwealth.

18 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of the following:

19 (1) One person appointed by the Governor.

20 (2) Three members of the Education Committee of the Senate,

1 two of whom shall be appointed by the majority chairman of that  
2 committee and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority  
3 chairman of that committee.

4 (3) Three members of the Education Committee of the House of  
5 Representatives, two of whom shall be appointed by the majority  
6 chairman of that committee and one of whom shall be appointed by  
7 the minority chairman of that committee.

8 (c) The members of the advisory committee shall receive no  
9 remuneration for serving on the advisory committee, but shall be  
10 entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred by  
11 them in the performance of their duties on the advisory  
12 committee.

13 (d) The advisory committee shall hold at least two public  
14 meetings and shall submit, no later than November 1, 2014, a  
15 written report of the advisory committee's findings and  
16 recommendations to the majority and minority chairmen of the  
17 Education Committees of the Senate and of the House of  
18 Representatives.

19 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or other  
20 law to the contrary, no Common Core Standards may be implemented  
21 in this Commonwealth until 90 days after the submission of the  
22 report required under subsection (d).

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