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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial 3 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the 4 laws relating thereto," further providing for age limits and for the definition of "compulsory school age." 6 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 9 Section 1. Section 1301 of the act of March 10, 1949 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended June 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), is amended to read: 11 12 Section 1301. Age Limits; Temporary Residence. -- Every child, 13 being a resident of any school district, between the ages of 14 [six (6)] five (5) and twenty-one (21) years, may attend the public schools in his district, subject to the provisions of 15 this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 16 17 contrary, a child who attains the age of twenty-one (21) years 18 during the school term and who has not graduated from high 19 school may continue to attend the public schools in his district

free of charge until the end of the school term. The board of

- 1 school directors of any school district may admit to the schools
- 2 of the district, with or without the payment of tuition, any
- 3 non-resident child temporarily residing in the district, and may
- 4 require the attendance of such non-resident child in the same
- 5 manner and on the same conditions as it requires the attendance
- 6 of a resident child.
- 7 Section 2. Section 1326 of the act is amended to read:
- 8 Section 1326. Definitions.--The term "compulsory school
- 9 age," as hereinafter used, shall mean the period of a child's
- 10 life from the time the child's parents elect to have the child
- 11 enter school, which shall be not later than at the age of [eight
- 12 (8)] five (5) years, until the age of seventeen (17) years. The
- 13 term shall not include any child who holds a certificate of
- 14 graduation from a regularly accredited senior high school.
- 15 The term "migratory child," wherever used in this subdivision
- 16 of this article, shall include any child domiciled temporarily
- 17 in any school district for the purpose of seasonal employment,
- 18 but not acquiring residence therein, and any child accompanying
- 19 his parent or guardian who is so domiciled.
- 20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.