

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 168 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY TOBASH, EMRICK, HEFFLEY, JAMES, BAKER, TRUITT,
SANTORA, BARBIN, KAUFFMAN, MARSICO AND TALLMAN,
JANUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 23, 2015

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 Keystone Exams.

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

8 Section 1. Section 121 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
9 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added June 30,
10 2012 (P.L.684, No.82), is amended to read:

11 Section 121. Keystone Exams.--[Subject to annual
12 appropriation, not later than the 2020-2021 school year, the]
13 (a) The Department of Education shall develop and implement
14 Keystone Exams in [the following subjects:] algebra I,
15 literature[, biology, English composition, algebra II, geometry,
16 United States history, chemistry, civics and government and
17 world history.] and biology, as required by the No Child Left
18 Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110, 115 Stat. 1425) or any
19 successor statute. The State Board of Education shall promulgate

1 regulations, subject to the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633,
2 No.181), known as the "Regulatory Review Act," necessary to
3 implement this section.

4 (b) Notwithstanding section 2604-B(b)(2)(v), 22 Pa. Code §
5 4.24 (relating to high school graduation requirements) or 4.51
6 (relating to State assessment system) or any statute or
7 regulation to the contrary, neither the Department of Education
8 nor the State Board of Education may establish any minimum level
9 of student performance on a Keystone Exam or any other Statewide
10 assessment as a graduation requirement.

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