

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 311 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, COHEN, MURT, BROWNLEE, MAHONEY AND McCARTER, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 4, 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 public hearing
 6 prior to closing school.

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

9 Section 1. Section 780 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
 10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added April 4,
 11 1984 (P.L.190, No.38), is amended to read:

12 Section 780. Public Hearing Prior to Closing School.--In the
 13 event of a permanent closing of a public school or substantially
 14 all of a school's facilities, the board of school directors
 15 shall hold a public hearing on the question not less than [three
 16 (3)] five (5) months prior to the decision of the board relating
 17 to the closing of the school. Notice of the hearing shall be
 18 given in a newspaper of general circulation in the school
 19 district at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such
 20 hearings.

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