

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 703 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY COHEN, THOMAS AND MAHONEY, MARCH 4, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 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," repealing a provision relating to
6 Bible reading in public schools.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1516 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended December 17, 1959 (P.L.1928, No.700), is repealed:
12 [Section 1516. Bible Reading in Public Schools.--At least ten
13 verses from the Holy Bible shall be read, without comment, at
14 the opening of each public school on each school day. Any child
15 shall be excused from such Bible reading, or attending such
16 Bible reading, upon the written request of his parent or
17 guardian.]

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