
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1858 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, BOBACK, READSHAW, STAATS, ENGLISH, ROTHMAN, MURT, KOTIK, HARPER, SACCONI, McNEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, WARD, CUTLER, D. COSTA, NEILSON, BENNINGHOFF, HARHAI, JAMES, HELM, YOUNGBLOOD, O'BRIEN, FARINA, KIRKLAND, PYLE, DeLUCA, EVERETT, ROEBUCK, GOODMAN, SAINATO, BARRAR, WATSON, MACKENZIE, GINGRICH, V. BROWN, RADER, M. DALEY, HARKINS, LONGIETTI, GERGELY, BURNS, MAHONEY, HAHN, GIBBONS, DONATUCCI AND GABLER, MARCH 10, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 10, 2016

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 high schools, providing for
6 graduation requirement.

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

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

12 Section 1613.1. Graduation Requirement.--Beginning in the
13 2020-2021 school year and for each school year thereafter, in
14 order to graduate from high school or obtain a general
15 equivalency diploma, a pupil must correctly answer at least
16 sixty per centum (60%) of the questions listed on a test that is

1 identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used
2 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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