

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 731 Session of 2015

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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 preliminary provisions, further
 6 providing for Keystone Exams; and, in State Board of
 7 Education, further providing for powers and duties of the
 8 board.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 121 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
 12 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added June 30,
 13 2012 (P.L.684, No.82), is amended to read:

14 Section 121. Keystone Exams.--(a) Subject to annual
 15 appropriation, not later than the 2020-2021 school year, the
 16 Department of Education shall develop and implement Keystone
 17 Exams in the following subjects: algebra I, literature, biology,
 18 English composition, algebra II, geometry, United States
 19 history, chemistry, civics and government and world history. The
 20 State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations, subject
 21 to the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the

1 "Regulatory Review Act," necessary to implement this section.

2 (b) In addition to any requirements on the State Board of
3 Education under the "Regulatory Review Act", on the same date
4 that pursuant to the "Regulatory Review Act" the State Board of
5 Education submits a proposed regulation for or related to the
6 implementation of Keystone Exams under this section to the
7 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication of notice of
8 proposed rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin as required by
9 the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the
10 Commonwealth Documents Law, and thereafter on the same date it
11 submits the text of the final-form regulation to the Independent
12 Regulatory Review Commission, it shall submit to the chairman
13 and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate
14 and the chairman and minority chairman of the Education
15 Committee of the House of Representatives a detailed fiscal
16 impact statement that the proposed or final-form regulation will
17 have on the Commonwealth, the communities, the school districts
18 and, if applicable, private and private religious schools. The
19 detailed fiscal impact statement shall include a comprehensive
20 fiscal note of all direct and indirect costs whether incurred in
21 preparation of the proposed or final-form regulation or which
22 will be required as a result of the promulgation of the
23 regulation to its best dollar estimate. The State Board of
24 Education may include narrative statements to accompany its best
25 dollar estimate, but may not do so in lieu of detailed best
26 estimated dollar amounts.

27 Section 2. Section 2603-B of the act is amended by adding a
28 subsection to read:

29 Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board.--* * *

30 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the

1 contrary, the board shall require that each regulation prepared
2 by the Council of Basic Education or the Council of Higher
3 Education under section 2604-B and promulgated by the board
4 under the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the
5 "Regulatory Review Act," includes, in so far as the regulation
6 relates to costs to the Commonwealth, the fiscal note prepared
7 by the Office of the Budget pursuant to section 612 of the act
8 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative
9 Code of 1929."

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