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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 pupils and attendance, further
6 providing for reports of enrollments, attendance and
7 withdrawals and public and private schools.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1332 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
12 amended January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to
13 read:

14 Section 1332. Reports of Enrollments; Attendance and
15 Withdrawals; Public and Private Schools.--(a) Every principal
16 or teacher in every public school, and every principal, teacher
17 or tutor in every school other than a public school, and in
18 every institution for children, and every private teacher in
19 every school district, shall[,];

20 (1) immediately after their admission to such school or

1 institution, or at the beginning of such private teaching,
2 regardless of whether such admission is prior to the first day
3 of the school district's school year or at any time thereafter,
4 furnish to the district superintendents, attendance officers,
5 home and school visitors, or secretaries of the boards of school
6 directors of the districts wherein the [parents or guardians of
7 such children] parent, guardian or other person having control
8 or charge of any child or children of compulsory school age
9 reside, lists of the names and residences of all children
10 [between six (6) and] under eighteen (18) years of age enrolled
11 in such school or institution, or taught by such private
12 teachers; [and]

13 (2) shall further report at once to such district
14 superintendent, or secretary of the board of school directors,
15 the name and date of withdrawal of any such pupil withdrawing
16 from any such school or institution, or from such private
17 instruction, if such withdrawal occurs during the period of
18 compulsory attendance in said district[.]; and

19 (3) shall further report at the end of each reporting period
20 to such district superintendent, or secretary of the board of
21 school directors, the total number of such end of reporting
22 period progress reports, whether by report card or otherwise,
23 that were issued to its students.

24 (b) Every principal or teacher in a school other than a
25 public school, and every private teacher, shall also report at
26 once to the superintendent, attendance officer, home and school
27 visitor, or secretary of the board of school directors of the
28 district, any such child who has been absent three (3) days, or
29 their equivalent, during the term of compulsory attendance,
30 without lawful excuse.

1 (c) (1) Pursuant to the requirements of 22 Pa. Code 11.41
2 (relating to school district policies and rules), the board of
3 school directors shall formally adopt, as part of its written
4 rules concerning district child accounting, attendance and
5 admission, a policy for providing the parent, guardian or other
6 person having control or charge of any child of compulsory
7 school age an opportunity to update residence and contact
8 information that is recorded in the student record of the child.

9 (2) The policy shall include, at a minimum, a process to
10 periodically request throughout the school year the residence of
11 the child and all contact information of the parent, guardian or
12 other such person with control or charge of the child that shall
13 occur when each report on the child's progress or level of
14 achievement in specific classes, course content or curriculum is
15 issued, whether by report card or otherwise, unless the
16 reporting periods are less than three (3) times a school year or
17 exceed four (4) times a school year.

18 (3) If the reporting periods are less than three (3) times a
19 school year or exceed four (4) times a school year, the policy
20 shall require a process of request that occurs every sixty (60)
21 days of the school year that provides the parent, guardian or
22 other such person with control or charge of the child the
23 opportunity to update the contact information and the child's
24 residence.

25 (d) (1) On the first day of each school year, the district
26 superintendents, attendance officers, home and school visitors
27 or secretaries of the boards of school directors of the
28 districts with the list of names furnished to them pursuant to
29 subsection (a) (1) and (2) shall total the number of students
30 enrolled for the school year in each such school in the

1 district. The total number of students recorded shall
2 immediately be reported to the department listed in the form of
3 the total enrollment for each individual such school and the
4 cumulative total for the school district.

5 (2) Starting at the end of the first reporting period of the
6 school year and at the end of each such subsequent reporting
7 period thereafter until the final reporting period of the school
8 year occurs, the district superintendents, attendance officers,
9 home and school visitors or secretaries of the boards of school
10 directors of the districts at any district with reporting
11 periods that occur three (3) times or four (4) times a school
12 year, whether by report card or otherwise, shall:

13 (i) review all the lists of names furnished to them under
14 subsection (a) (1) and (2), to recalculate and record the total
15 number of students enrolled in each such school in the district,
16 as well as recalculate the cumulative total of the school
17 district as of the date of recalculation;

18 (ii) compare the total number of end of reporting period
19 progress reports most recently issued and furnished pursuant to
20 subsection (a) (3) to the total recorded enrollment numbers in
21 subclause (i) for each respective school, for the purpose of
22 counting and recording any difference between the two numbers in
23 each such school; and

24 (iii) report to the department immediately whenever there
25 are differences recorded in subclause (ii), to be listed in the
26 form of the total number of differences for each individual such
27 school with an explanation of the difference, and further,
28 whenever any recalculated numbers of enrollment recorded in
29 subclause (i) have changed from the number last reported in the
30 school year to the department, whether calculated and reported

1 pursuant to clause (1) or subclause (i), to be listed in the
2 form of the total enrollment numbers that were recorded in
3 subclause (i) for each individual such school and the cumulative
4 total for the school district with a notation of the difference
5 in amount enrolled.

6 (3) In the event that the reporting period is less than
7 three (3) times a school year or exceeds four (4) times a school
8 year, the district superintendents, attendance officers, home
9 and school visitors or secretaries of the boards of school
10 directors of the districts shall perform the requirements set
11 forth in clause (2) (i), (ii) and (iii) sixty (60) days after the
12 first day of the school year and every sixty (60) days
13 thereafter until the last day of the school year.

14 (4) Within thirty (30) days after the last day of each
15 school year, the district superintendents, attendance officers,
16 home and school visitors or secretaries of the boards of school
17 directors of the districts shall determine from the list of
18 names and residences furnished to them in subsection (a) (1) and
19 the name and date of withdrawal of any such pupil withdrawing
20 furnished to them in subsection (a) (2) for the purpose of
21 recording:

22 (i) the total number of students who left any such school in
23 the school district during the school year without transferring
24 to any other such school in the school district; and

25 (ii) the total number of students who transferred between
26 schools which are assigned to the same school or system leader,
27 whether public or not public, or between like institutions or
28 private instruction, within the school district during the
29 school year with a tally provided of the number of transfers
30 that were between two public schools, were transfers into public

1 schools or were transfers out of public schools.

2 (5) The numbers recorded under clause (4) (i) and (ii) shall
3 be reported to the department within thirty (30) days of the
4 last day of the school year.

5 (e) For the purpose of this section, the following words and
6 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection
7 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Contact information" shall mean the address, telephone
9 number, e-mail address or any other available electronic means
10 of communication of the parent, guardian or other such person
11 with control or charge of the child of compulsory school age and
12 is subject to further definition by any individual board of
13 school directors to include the identification of additional
14 similar type of information as needed.

15 "Department" shall mean the Department of Education of the
16 Commonwealth.

17 "Reporting period" shall mean the repeated cycle of days that
18 the child's progress or level of achievement in specific
19 classes, course content or curriculum is assessed for the
20 purpose of issuing an account thereof at the end of such cycle
21 to the parent, guardian or other such person with control or
22 charge of the child of compulsory school age.

23 "School" shall mean every public school, every school other
24 than a public school, every institution for children and every
25 teacher of private instruction in every school district subject
26 to this section.

27 "School year" shall mean the period within the fiscal year of
28 July 1 to June 30 of at least one hundred eighty (180)
29 instructional days or, if approved by the secretary, a period of
30 less than one hundred eighty (180) instructional days in which a

1 meritorious educational program of at least nine hundred (900)
2 hours at the elementary level and nine hundred ninety (990)
3 hours at the secondary level is offered.

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