

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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.

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

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

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

1 (b) Notwithstanding section 2604-B(b)(2)(v), 22 Pa. Code
2 4.24 (relating to high school graduation requirements), 4.51
3 (relating to State assessment system) or 4.51c (relating to
4 project-based assessment) or any statute or regulation to the
5 contrary, the use of the Keystone Exam as a graduation
6 requirement or as a benchmark for the need for participation in
7 a project-based assessment shall be delayed until the 2018-2019
8 school year.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.