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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1551 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY TOPPER, DOWLING, DUSH, GROVE, IRVIN, KEEFER,  
MILLARD, REESE, SANKEY, TOOHL, WHEELAND, ZIMMERMAN, DALEY,  
ROE AND CALTAGIRONE, JUNE 16, 2017

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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, providing  
6 for prohibition on the purchase of certain assessments.

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 121.1. Prohibition on the Purchase of Certain  
13 Assessments.--The following shall apply:

14 (1) Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, a public  
15 school entity shall be prohibited from purchasing assessments  
16 from a private vendor that are designed primarily to predict a  
17 student's ability to succeed on a summative assessment and that  
18 do not primarily focus on providing diagnostic or instructional  
19 improvement data.

1       (2) For the purposes of this section, "summative assessment"  
2 shall include the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment test,  
3 the Keystone Exam, an equivalent local assessment and another  
4 test established or approved by the State Board of Education or  
5 the General Assembly to meet the requirements of section 2603-  
6 B(d)(10)(i) and required under the Every Student Succeeds Act  
7 (Public Law 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802) or its successor statute.

8       (3) For the purposes of this section, "public school entity"  
9 shall include a school district, intermediate unit, joint  
10 school, area vocational-technical school, charter school or  
11 cyber charter school.

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