

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1184 Session of
2018

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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 age limits and temporary residence and for the
7 definition of "compulsory school age."

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

10 Section 1. Section 1301 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended to read:

13 Section 1301. Age Limits; Temporary Residence.--Every child,
14 being a resident of any school district, between the ages of
15 [six (6)] five (5) and twenty-one (21) years, may attend the
16 public schools in his district, subject to the provisions of
17 this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
18 contrary, a child who attains the age of twenty-one (21) years
19 during the school term and who has not graduated from high
20 school may continue to attend the public schools in his district

1 free of charge until the end of the school term. The board of
2 school directors of any school district may admit to the schools
3 of the district, with or without the payment of tuition, any
4 non-resident child temporarily residing in the district, and may
5 require the attendance of such non-resident child in the same
6 manner and on the same conditions as it requires the attendance
7 of a resident child.

8 Section 2. The definition of "compulsory school age" in
9 section 1326 of the act is amended to read:

10 Section 1326. Definitions.--When used in this article, the
11 following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

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13 "Compulsory school age" shall mean the period of a child's
14 life from the time the child's parents elect to have the child
15 enter school and which shall be no later than [eight (8)] five
16 (5) years of age until the child reaches seventeen (17) years of
17 age. The term does not include a child who holds a certificate
18 of graduation from a regularly accredited, licensed, registered
19 or approved high school.

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