

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 28, 2019

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 terms and courses of study,  
 6 providing for handwriting instruction required; and, in  
 7 charter schools, further providing for provisions applicable  
 8 to charter schools and for applicability of other provisions  
 9 of this act and of other acts and regulations.

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

12 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
 13 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
 14 section to read:

15 Section 1528. Handwriting Instruction Required.--The board  
 16 of school directors in every school district shall develop  
 17 curriculum on handwriting instruction in grades kindergarten  
 18 through five. The curriculum shall be designed to ensure that  
 19 students have the ability to:

- 20 (1) write legibly in print by the end of third grade; and
- 21 (2) write legibly in cursive by the end of fifth grade.

1 Section 2. Sections 1732-A(a) and 1749-A(a)(1) of the act  
2 are amended to read:

3 Section 1732-A. Provisions Applicable to Charter Schools.--

4 (a) Charter schools shall be subject to the following:

5 Sections 108, 110, 111, 321, 325, 326, 327, 431, 436, 443,  
6 510, 518, 527, 708, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 752, 753, 755,  
7 771, 776, 777, 808, 809, 810, 1109, 1111, 1112(a), 1301, 1310,  
8 1317, 1317.1, 1317.2, 1318, 1326, 1327, 1327.2, 1329, 1330,  
9 1332, 1333, 1333.1, 1333.2, 1333.3, 1303-A, 1513, 1517, 1518,  
10 1521, 1523, 1528, 1531, 1547, 2014-A, Article XIII-A and Article  
11 XIV.

12 Act of July 17, 1961 (P.L.776, No.341), known as the  
13 "Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act."

14 Act of July 19, 1965 (P.L.215, No.116), entitled "An act  
15 providing for the use of eye protective devices by persons  
16 engaged in hazardous activities or exposed to known dangers in  
17 schools, colleges and universities."

18 Section 4 of the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546,  
19 No.541), entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing  
20 funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the  
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to  
22 attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an  
23 appropriation, and providing for the administration of this  
24 act."

25 Act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.765, No.181), entitled "An act  
26 relating to drugs and alcohol and their abuse, providing for  
27 projects and programs and grants to educational agencies, other  
28 public or private agencies, institutions or organizations."

29 Act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1595, No.175), known as the  
30 "Antihazing Law."

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2 Section 1749-A. Applicability of other provisions of this act  
3 and of other acts and regulations.

4 (a) General requirements.--Cyber charter schools shall be  
5 subject to the following:

6 (1) Sections 108, 110, 111, 321, 325, 326, 327, 431,  
7 436, 443, 510, 518, 527, 708, 752, 753, 755, 771, 776, 777,  
8 808, 809, 810, 1109, 1111, 1112(a), 1205.1, 1205.2, 1301,  
9 1302, 1310, 1317.2, 1318, 1326, 1327, 1327.2, 1329, 1330,  
10 1332, 1333, 1333.1, 1333.2, 1333.3, 1303-A, 1518, 1521, 1523,  
11 1528, 1531, 1547, 1702-A, 1703-A, 1714-A, 1715-A, 1716-A,  
12 1719-A, 1721-A, 1722-A, 1723-A(a) and (b), 1724-A, 1725-A,  
13 1727-A, 1729-A, 1730-A, 1731-A(a) (1) and (b) and 2014-A and  
14 Articles XII-A, XIII-A and XIV.

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