
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND STURLA, MAY 13, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 13, 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 cyber charter schools, providing
6 for review and moratorium.

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 1745.1-A. Review and moratorium.

13 (a) Legislative Budget and Finance Committee study.--The
14 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall conduct a study
15 of all aspects of the funding, operation and performance of all
16 cyber charter schools in this Commonwealth, including the
17 potential impact of the approval of new cyber charter schools
18 and an expansion of existing cyber charter school enrollments on
19 students attending those cyber charter schools and on students

1 attending school districts with students enrolled in the new or
2 expanded cyber charter schools.

3 (b) Time period for completion of study and dissemination.--
4 The study under subsection (a) shall be completed within two
5 years of the effective date of this section and shall be posted
6 by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee on its publicly
7 accessible Internet website and by the department on its
8 publicly accessible Internet website. The Legislative Budget and
9 Finance Committee shall provide a copy of the study to the
10 Governor, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
11 Education Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and
12 minority chairperson of the Education Committee of the House of
13 Representatives.

14 (c) Period and effect of moratorium.--Notwithstanding any
15 provision of law to the contrary, beginning on the effective
16 date of this section and until the dissemination of the study
17 under subsection (b), a moratorium is established on the
18 formation and approval of new cyber charter schools and the
19 expansion of existing cyber charter schools in order to provide
20 the General Assembly with sufficient time to review the
21 completed study under subsection (a) and to take appropriate
22 action. During the period of the moratorium, no new cyber
23 charter school shall be formed or approved and no existing cyber
24 charter school shall have its enrollment expanded.

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