
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2962 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

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 further providing for pandemic of 2020.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1501.8(a) and (n) of the act of March 10,
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 added March 27, 2020 (P.L.62, No.13), are amended and the
12 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 1501.8. Pandemic of 2020.--(a) This section applies
14 only to the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the [global
15 pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on March 11,
16 2020] pandemic of 2020.

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18 (m.1) The following apply:

19 (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), this subsection applies
20 only to the 2020-2021 school year as a result of the pandemic of

1 2020.

2 (2) The Secretary of Education may waive the twelve-week
3 student teacher requirement under 22 Pa. Code § 354.25(f)
4 (relating to preparation program curriculum) for educator
5 preparation programs that are unable to meet the regulatory
6 requirement due to the pandemic of 2020.

7 (n) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
8 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
9 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 "NIMS assessment." An assessment based on the National
11 Institute for Metalworking Skills standards.

12 "NOCTI exam." A National Occupational Competency Testing
13 Institute exam.

14 "Pandemic of 2020." The global pandemic declared by the
15 World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.

16 "School entity." Any school district, intermediate unit,
17 area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter
18 school or regional charter school a child attends in order to
19 fulfill the compulsory attendance requirements of this act.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.