

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 591 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, BREWSTER AND TARTAGLIONE, APRIL 25, 2019

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, APRIL 25, 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 charter schools, further providing
 6 for transportation.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1726-A(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
 11 amended to read:

12 Section 1726-A. Transportation.--(a) [Students]
 13 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1361, students who
 14 attend a charter school located in their school district of
 15 residence, a regional charter school of which the school
 16 district is a part or a charter school located outside district
 17 boundaries at a distance not exceeding [ten (10)] five (5) miles
 18 by the nearest public highway shall be provided free
 19 transportation to the charter school by their school district of
 20 residence on such dates and periods that the charter school is

1 in regular session whether or not transportation is provided on
2 such dates and periods to students attending schools of the
3 district. Transportation is not required for elementary
4 students, including kindergarten students, residing within one
5 and one-half (1.5) miles or for secondary students residing
6 within two (2) miles of the nearest public highway from the
7 charter school in which the students are enrolled unless the
8 road or traffic conditions are such that walking constitutes a
9 hazard to the safety of the students when so certified by the
10 Department of Transportation, except that if the school district
11 provides transportation to the public schools of the school
12 district for elementary students, including kindergarten
13 students, residing within one and one-half (1.5) miles or for
14 secondary students residing within two (2) miles of the nearest
15 public highway under nonhazardous conditions, transportation
16 shall also be provided to charter schools under the same
17 conditions. Districts providing transportation to a charter
18 school outside the district and, for the 2007-2008 school year
19 and each school year thereafter, districts providing
20 transportation to a charter school within the district shall be
21 eligible for payments under section 2509.3 for each public
22 school student transported.

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