THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 680 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY AUMENT, SCARNATI, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, FOLMER, SCHWANK, COSTA, BAKER AND BARTOLOTTA, MAY 31, 2019

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MAY 31, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
2   entitled "An act defining and providing for the licensing and
3   regulation of private schools; establishing the State Board
4   of Private Licensed Schools; imposing penalties; and making
5   repeals," further providing for powers and duties of board.

6   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

7 hereby enacts as follows:

8   Section 1. Section 4(b) of the act of December 15, 1986

9 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools Act,

10 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to

11 read:

12 Section 4. Powers and duties of board.

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14   [(b) Disposition of student records.--The board shall

15 require every applicant for initial or renewal licensure to

16 provide a written statement describing arrangements for

17 disposition of student records in the event of closure. It shall

18 be the duty of the board and the department to assist in the

19 execution of the arrangements when necessary. Priority shall be

given to plans for retention of the records with existing
private licensed schools in the same geographical area.]
 (b.1) Repository of student records.--The following apply:
 (1) The board may enter into an agreement with a third
party to establish a centralized repository of student
records for all private licensed schools. If the board enters
into an agreement with a third party under this paragraph, a
private licensed school shall work in collaboration with the
board and the third party to provide the private licensed
school's student records for the centralized repository,
including student records that may have been previously
disclosed to the board, the third party or another private
licensed school. The board may establish an annual timeline
for private licensed schools to provide student records for
the centralized repository.
 (2) The board or a third party authorized by the board
may use current information technology systems and other
means to provide the necessary security and privacy for the
centralized repository of student records.
 (3) The board or a third party authorized by the board
may impose reasonable fees to establish and maintain the
centralized repository of student records. The board may
overturn a fee imposed by a third party under this paragraph
by a majority vote if the board deems the fee to be
unreasonable.
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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.