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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 5, 2021

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 amended or added March 27, 2020 (P.L.62, No.13), and November
 12 25, 2020 (P.L.1294, No.136), are amended and the section is
 13 amended by adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 1501.8. Pandemic of 2020.--(a) Except as provided
 15 in [subsection] subsections (m.1) and (m.2), this section
 16 applies only to the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the
 17 [global pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on
 18 March 11, 2020] pandemic of 2020.

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2 (m.2) Notwithstanding subsection (a):

3 (1) This subsection applies only to the 2020-2021 school
4 year as a result of the pandemic of 2020.

5 (2) No employee of a school entity who was employed by the
6 school entity as of July 1, 2020, shall:

7 (i) Receive more or less compensation for the 2020-2021
8 school year than the employee would otherwise have been entitled
9 to receive from the school entity had the pandemic of 2020 not
10 occurred.

11 (ii) Receive greater or lesser health care benefits for the
12 2020-2021 school year than the employee would otherwise have
13 been entitled to receive from the school entity had the pandemic
14 of 2020 not occurred.

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

18 "NIMS assessment." An assessment based on the National
19 Institute for Metalworking Skills standards.

20 "NOCTI exam." A National Occupational Competency Testing
21 Institute exam.

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

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

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.