

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY GAYDOS, CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, DRISCOLL, GLEIM AND MENTZER, JANUARY 25, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 25, 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 preliminary provisions, providing
 6 for report on fiscal impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

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 129. Report on Fiscal Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic.--

13 (a) The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall conduct
 14 a study and issue a report on the fiscal impact, including, but
 15 not limited to, loss of revenue and increased school taxes of
 16 the COVID-19 pandemic on school entities.

17 (b) The report under subsection (a) shall be submitted to
 18 the chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of
 19 the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the
 20 Education Committee of the House of Representatives within six

1 (6) months of the effective date of this section.

2 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
4 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "COVID-19 pandemic." As identified in the proclamation of
6 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
7 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
8 the state of disaster emergency.

9 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area
10 career and technical school, charter school, regional charter
11 school or cyber charter school.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.