

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 pupils and attendance, further  
6 providing for immunization required and penalty.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1303 of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
11 amended by adding subsections to read:

12 Section 1303. Immunization Required; Penalty.--\* \* \*

13 (e) A public school entity, nonpublic school, political  
14 subdivision or the Commonwealth shall include with any notice,  
15 publication, posting or provision of information containing new,  
16 existing or changes to immunization requirements issued by the  
17 Commonwealth the following information in the same size and font  
18 as the notice, publication, posting or provision:

19 (1) The exemptions from immunization requirements under

1 subsections (c) and (d).

2 (2) That the public school entity, nonpublic school,  
3 political subdivision or the Commonwealth accepts the exemptions  
4 from immunization requirements under subsections (c) and (d).

5 (3) The process by which a child may obtain an exemption  
6 from immunization requirements.

7 (f) 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 "Nonpublic school" shall have the same meaning given to the  
11 term under section 923-A.

12 "Public school entity" means a school district, intermediate  
13 unit, area vocational-technical school, charter school, cyber  
14 charter school or regional charter school.

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