
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, GREINER, ROWE, JAMES, KAUFFMAN,
MILLARD, MOUL, RYAN, COX, MALONEY, KEEFER AND GILLEN,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 8, 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 school safety and security,
6 providing for nonpublic school and home education program
7 exemption.

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

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

13 Section 1314-B. Nonpublic school and home education program
14 exemption.

15 (a) Exemption.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
16 for the 2021-2022 school year, a nonpublic school or home
17 education program in this Commonwealth shall be exempt from the
18 requirements of any declaration by the Governor of disaster
19 emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general
20 authority of Governor) or any order by the Secretary of Health

1 under the laws of this Commonwealth.

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

5 "Home education program." As defined in section 1327.1.

6 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, home school group,
7 one-room school, church school or school other than a public
8 school in this Commonwealth wherein a resident of this
9 Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
10 attendance requirements of Article XV and which meet the
11 requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public
12 Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.