

---

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

---

HOUSE BILL

No. 1659 Session of  
2021

---

INTRODUCED BY SONNEY, BIZZARRO, GILLEN, JAMES, M. MACKENZIE AND  
N. NELSON, JUNE 16, 2021

---

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 16, 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," providing for Kinesthetic Learning  
6 Platform Pilot Program.

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 an  
11 article to read:

12 ARTICLE XV-K

13 KINESTHETIC LEARNING PLATFORM PILOT PROGRAM

14 Section 1501-K. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
19 Commonwealth.

20 "Head Start." A program funded under the Head Start Act

1 (Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. § 9831 et seq.) and carried out by  
2 a Head Start agency or delegate agency that provides ongoing  
3 comprehensive child development services.

4 "Integrated kinesthetic learning platform." Educational  
5 programming that incorporates developmentally appropriate  
6 physical activity into existing academic settings.

7 "Program." The Kinesthetic Learning Platform Pilot Program  
8 established under section 1502-K(a).

9 "School." A public or nonpublic prekindergarten,  
10 kindergarten or elementary school in this Commonwealth.

11 Section 1502-K. Kinesthetic Learning Platform Pilot Program.

12 (a) Establishment.--The Kinesthetic Learning Platform Pilot  
13 Program is established for the purpose of setting up and  
14 administering a pilot program to provide integrated kinesthetic  
15 learning platforms to schools for students in prekindergarten  
16 through second grade.

17 (b) Duties of department.--The department shall select an  
18 integrated kinesthetic learning platform that meets the  
19 following minimum qualifications:

20 (1) Uses physical activity to improve academic  
21 performance and teach according to objective academic  
22 standards in English language arts and mathematics for  
23 prekindergarten through second grade.

24 (2) Provides educators with simple and automated  
25 correlation between national and State standards, including  
26 Pennsylvania academic standards in English language arts and  
27 mathematics for kindergarten through second grade learners  
28 and Head Start standards for prekindergarten learners.

29 (3) Cost to a school does not exceed \$1,500 per academic  
30 year.

1           (4) Functions as a flexible supplemental resource to  
2 standards-based content, serving as a method of introduction,  
3 review and assessment.

4           (5) Provides opportunities for differentiated learning  
5 by students of all learning styles and preferences.

6           (6) Allows educators, administrators and parents or  
7 guardians to track the use of the platform.

8           (7) Allows for at-home use by students under proper  
9 adult supervision.

10           (8) Provides supplemental written materials that  
11 educators can assign to students to supplement lessons.

12           (9) Is available on-demand and offers dynamic content  
13 rather than static lessons.

14           (c) Application.--Schools seeking to administer the program  
15 shall complete an application to be established by the  
16 department.

17           (d) Allocation.--

18           (1) No less than \$250,000 from money appropriated to the  
19 department shall be allocated annually for the program.

20           (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply during a fiscal year  
21 in which there is an appropriation to the department for the  
22 sole purpose of the program.

23           (e) Term.--The program shall expire three years from the  
24 effective date of this section.

25 Section 1503-K. Reporting.

26           (a) Report to department.--A school selected to administer  
27 the application shall submit a report to the department no later  
28 than 60 days after the end of an academic year. The report shall  
29 include:

30           (1) A list of all expenses incurred by the program.

1           (2) The number of students who participated in the  
2           program.

3           (3) A survey of the educators administering the program.

4           (4) Any other information requested by the department.

5           (b) Report to General Assembly.--The department shall  
6           compile a Statewide report based on the information submitted  
7           under subsection (a) and submit a report no later than December  
8           31 of each year to the chairperson and minority chairperson of  
9           the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and  
10           minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the  
11           House of Representatives, the chairperson and minority  
12           chairperson of the Education Committee of the Senate and the  
13           chairperson and minority chairperson of the Education Committee  
14           of the House of Representatives.

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