
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2021

INTRODUCED BY RYAN, STAMBAUGH, HAMM, KAUFFMAN, STAATS, MOUL,
GROVE AND B. MILLER, JUNE 24, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 24, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and
3 miscellaneous provisions, providing for Global Investment
4 Professional Standards; and, in administration, funds,
5 accounts and general provisions, providing for Global
6 Investment Professional Standards.

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

9 Section 1. Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 8539. Global Investment Professional Standards.

12 (a) Compliance.--The system and the plan shall comply with
13 the requirements of the 2020 edition of the Global Investment
14 Professional Standards beginning with fiscal year 2022-2023, and
15 annually thereafter, and the board shall adopt policies,
16 procedures and systems to:

17 (1) Ensure compliance with all requirements of the 2020
18 edition of the Global Investment Professional Standards.

19 (2) Document compliance with all requirements of the
20 2020 edition of the Global Investment Professional Standards.

1 (3) Create an annual Global Investment Professional
2 Standards Asset Owner Report.

3 (4) Engage a firm to conduct an independent performance
4 verification and examination.

5 (b) Updates.--The board may, at a public meeting held under
6 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings), adopt any updates
7 to the Global Investment Professional Standards, promulgated by
8 the CFA Institute, which are necessary to ensure the system's
9 and plan's compliance with the standards.

10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Global Investment Professional Standards." The Global
14 Investment Professional Standards for Asset Owners promulgated
15 by the Investment Council of the CFA Institute.

16 Section 2. Title 71 is amended by adding a section to read:
17 § 5959. Global Investment Professional Standards.

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20 Professional Standards beginning with fiscal year 2022-2023, and
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12 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.