

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BIZZARRO, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG,
GALLOWAY AND CIRESI, JULY 8, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JULY 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 terms and courses of study,
6 further providing for minimum number of school days.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1501.9 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
11 June 5, 2020 (P.L.223, No.30), is amended to read:

12 Section 1501.9. Minimum Number of School Days During
13 Disaster Emergencies.--[Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year,
14 the minimum number of school days under section 1501 shall apply
15 notwithstanding any order] During any school year in which an
16 order is issued under a declaration of disaster emergency under
17 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of Governor)
18 [.]:

19 (1) A school district may submit to the department a request
20 to be exempt from the minimum number of school days under

1 section 1501, and the Secretary of Education shall approve the
2 request if reasonably satisfied that the school district is
3 making or has made a bona fide effort to provide the minimum
4 number of days under section 1501.

5 (2) Any day in which the schools of a school district are
6 physically closed but instruction for pupils is conducted
7 virtually may be counted toward satisfying the minimum number of
8 school days under section 1501.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.