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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 terms and courses of study,
6 further providing for agreements with institutions of higher
7 education; and, in opportunities for educational excellence,
8 further providing for definitions, for responsibilities of
9 school entities and for concurrent enrollment agreements.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 1525 of the act of March 10, 1949
13 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
14 amended to read:

15 Section 1525. Agreements with Institutions of Higher
16 Education.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
17 contrary, a school district, charter school, regional charter
18 school, cyber charter school or area career and technical school
19 may enter into an agreement with one or more institutions of
20 higher education approved to operate in this Commonwealth in
21 order to allow [resident] students to attend such institutions

1 of higher education while the [resident] students are enrolled
2 in the school district, charter school, regional charter school,
3 cyber charter school or area career and technical school. The
4 agreement may be structured so that high school students may
5 receive credits toward completion of courses at the school
6 district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter
7 school or area career and technical school and at institutions
8 of higher education approved to operate in this Commonwealth.

9 Section 2. The definitions of "concurrent student" and
10 "school entity" in section 1602-B of the act, amended October
11 30, 2019 (P.L.460, No.76), are amended to read:

12 Section 1602-B. Definitions.

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

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17 "Concurrent student." A student who is enrolled in a school
18 district, a charter school, a regional charter school, a cyber
19 charter school, an area career and technical school, a nonpublic
20 school, a private school or a home education program under
21 section 1327.1 and who takes a concurrent course through a
22 concurrent enrollment program.

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24 "School entity." A school district, a charter school, a
25 regional charter school, a cyber charter school or an area
26 career and technical school.

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28 Section 3. Sections 1611-B and 1613-B of the act are amended
29 by adding subsections to read:

30 Section 1611-B. Responsibilities of school entities.

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2 (g) Revenue received by school district.--Notwithstanding
3 any provision of law to the contrary, the revenues received by a
4 school district under section 1603-B shall not be included in
5 the school district's budgeted total expenditure per average
6 daily membership used to calculate the amount to be paid to a
7 charter school entity under section 1725-A(a) (2) and (3).

8 Section 1613-B. Concurrent enrollment agreements.

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10 (c) Charter schools, regional charter schools and cyber
11 charter schools.--Charter schools, regional charter schools and
12 cyber charter schools shall have the power and authority to
13 enter into a concurrent enrollment agreement with an institution
14 of higher education, and appropriate credit shall be awarded to
15 students concurrently enrolled under the agreement.

16 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.