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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 952 Session of 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1963 (P.L.643, No.341), entitled  
2 "An act to execute partially section one of article fifteen  
3 of the Constitution by giving cities of the first class the  
4 right to frame, adopt and amend home rule charter provisions  
5 governing the organization of the public school system; to  
6 grant to such cities certain enumerated powers of local self-  
7 government with respect to public education; to grant to such  
8 cities necessarily implied powers to effectuate such  
9 enumerated powers; to impose certain general and specific  
10 restrictions and limitations; and to impose duties upon city  
11 councils, city officers, board of elections, courts and the  
12 Secretary of the Commonwealth," in grant of power, further  
13 providing for grant of powers and authority and providing for  
14 composition of board.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 18(a)(3) of the act of August 9, 1963  
18 (P.L.643, No.341), known as the First Class City Public  
19 Education Home Rule Act, is amended to read:

20 Section 18. Grant of Powers and Authority.--(a) Any city of  
21 the first class taking advantage of this act and framing and  
22 adopting provisions hereunder shall have, and may exercise, the  
23 following enumerated powers:

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1 (3) The power to set the term, number and qualifications of  
2 board of education members, in accordance with section 18.1; to  
3 provide for the methods of nomination, such to include a  
4 citizens' nominating panel, if deemed advisable; and either to  
5 provide for a method of appointment, in such case such power  
6 shall include the designation of the appointing authority, or to  
7 provide for a method of election.

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9 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 18.1. Composition of Board.--At least one member of  
11 the board of education shall be a student member and selection  
12 and qualifications of the student member shall be established by  
13 rules adopted by the board, provided that the student member  
14 must:

15 (1) be a full-time student in good academic standing  
16 at a public school located in a city of the first class;

17 (2) be enrolled in the eleventh or twelfth grade;

18 (3) serve one year; and

19 (4) be a voting member of the board.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.