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SENATOR MARTIN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, JULY 11, 2026

AN ACT

~~Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An~~
~~act relating to the public school system, including certain~~
~~provisions applicable as well to private and parochial~~
~~schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the~~
~~laws relating thereto," in early learning programs, further~~
~~providing for definitions.~~

AMENDING THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), ENTITLED "AN
ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, INCLUDING CERTAIN
PROVISIONS APPLICABLE AS WELL TO PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL
SCHOOLS; AMENDING, REVISING, CONSOLIDATING AND CHANGING THE
LAWS RELATING THERETO," IN PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS, PROVIDING
FOR STANDARDIZED TESTING STUDY; IN GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS,
REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO LEAD TESTING AND PROVIDING
FOR LEAD TESTING; PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES; IN
CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION CERTIFICATE GRADE SPANS AND AGE LEVELS AND DUTIES
OF DEPARTMENT, FOR PROGRAM OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL AND
PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL OR SYSTEM LEADERS AND FOR PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STANDARDS, REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO
PERMIT FOR CLASSROOM MONITORS AND PROVIDING FOR PERMIT FOR
CLASSROOM MONITORS; IN PUPILS AND ATTENDANCE, FURTHER
PROVIDING FOR ATTENDANCE POLICY AT CHARTER, REGIONAL CHARTER
AND CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS, PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLEE WELLNESS CHECKS AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURE
WHEN CHILD IS TRUANT AND FOR PROCEDURE UPON FILING OF

1 CITATION; IN STUDENT SUPPORTS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR POLICY
2 RELATING TO BULLYING; IN SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY, FURTHER
3 PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY
4 GRANT PROGRAM, FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR AND
5 FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY TRAINING, PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL
6 SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR,
7 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR
8 TRAINING AND FOR REPORTING AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
9 AND PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL MAPPING SERVICES; IN SCHOOL HEALTH
10 SERVICES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND FOR
11 REPORTS AND PROVIDING FOR EATING DISORDER AWARENESS AND
12 EDUCATION; IN TERMS AND COURSES OF STUDY, PROVIDING FOR USE
13 OF FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTING LATER SCHOOL START TIMES, FURTHER
14 PROVIDING FOR FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AND FOR PHYSICAL
15 EDUCATION, PROVIDING FOR RECESS PERIODS, FURTHER PROVIDING
16 FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY
17 PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING FOR SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY EDUCATION;
18 IN EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS
19 AND FOR DUTIES OF APPROVED PROVIDERS; IN HIGH SCHOOLS,
20 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ATTENDANCE IN OTHER DISTRICTS; IN
21 CHARTER SCHOOLS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ENROLLMENT, FOR CYBER
22 CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS, FOR ENROLLMENT
23 AND NOTIFICATION AND FOR ENROLLEE WELLNESS CHECKS; IN
24 DISABILITY INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR PILOT
25 PROGRAM; IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, PROVIDING FOR
26 TEMPORARY WAIVER; IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, FURTHER PROVIDING
27 FOR FINANCIAL PROGRAM AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PAYMENTS; IN
28 THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR
29 INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION; IN THE STATE SYSTEM OF
30 HIGHER EDUCATION, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND FOR
31 GROW PENNSYLVANIA TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM; IN INSTITUTIONS OF
32 HIGHER EDUCATION, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND FOR
33 AGENCY DUTIES, PROVIDING FOR INSTITUTION DUTIES AND FURTHER
34 PROVIDING FOR REPORT; IN READY-TO-SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP,
35 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR AGENCY; IN FUNDING FOR PUBLIC
36 LIBRARIES, PROVIDING FOR STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027;
37 IN REIMBURSEMENTS BY COMMONWEALTH AND BETWEEN SCHOOL
38 DISTRICTS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR STUDENT-WEIGHTED BASIC
39 EDUCATION FUNDING BEGINNING WITH 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AND
40 FOR EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPENSES,
41 PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FURTHER
42 PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED TO BE
43 IN FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS OR IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL
44 WATCH STATUS AND FOR READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT; AND, IN
45 CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS BY SCHOOL ENTITIES,
46 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY.

47 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
48 hereby enacts as follows:

49 ~~Section 1. The definition of "eligible provider" in section <--~~

~~1511-D of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to read:~~

~~Section 1511-D. Definitions.~~

~~The following words and phrases when used in this subarticle shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

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~~"Eligible provider." Any of the following entities if the entity complies with all quality program standards established by the Department of Education:~~

~~(1) A school district.~~

~~(1.1) An intermediate unit.~~

~~(2) A Head Start program.~~

~~(3) A nursery school licensed under the act of January 28, 1988 (P.L.24, No.11), known as the Private Academic Schools Act.~~

~~(4) One of the following:~~

~~(i) Prior to July 1, 2009, a child day care center or a group day care home that has met or exceeded the standards of STAR 2 under the Keystone STARS quality rating system established by the Department of Public Welfare.~~

~~(ii) After June 30, 2009, a child day care center or a group day care home that has met or exceeded the standards of STAR 3 under the Keystone STARS quality rating system established by the Department of Public Welfare. Any approved provider under this subparagraph which has applied for a STAR 3 rating and which application has not been approved or rejected by the department as of June 30, 2009, shall remain eligible for~~

1 ~~the program until such application is rejected.~~

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3 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

4 SECTION 1. THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN <--
5 AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
6 SECTION TO READ:

7 SECTION 121.2. STANDARDIZED TESTING STUDY.--(A) THE
8 COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON STANDARDIZED
9 TESTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELEMENTARY AND
10 SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 (PUBLIC LAW 89-10, 20 U.S.C. §
11 6301 ET SEQ.), AS AMENDED BY THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT
12 (PUBLIC LAW 114-95, 129 STAT. 1802).

13 (B) THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT, NO LATER THAN JUNE 9, 2027,
14 A REPORT CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY TO THE GOVERNOR,
15 THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STATE BOARD
16 OF EDUCATION, THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
17 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAIRPERSON AND
18 MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES. THE STUDY SHALL BE POSTED ON THE COMMITTEE'S
20 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE. THE STUDY SHALL INCLUDE
21 THE FOLLOWING:

22 (1) HOW THE COMMONWEALTH'S USE OF STANDARDIZED TESTS
23 COMPLIES WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
24 EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED BY THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS
25 ACT, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF PARTICIPATION AND OPT-OUT RATES
26 DISAGGREGATED BY EACH SCHOOL ENTITY.

27 (2) A REVIEW OF THE TYPE OF ASSESSMENTS USED BY ALL OTHER
28 STATES TO COMPLY WITH THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT
29 OF 1965, AS AMENDED BY THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT.

30 (3) A SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE

1 COMMONWEALTH'S ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BETWEEN THE 2014-2015 AND 2025-2026
3 SCHOOL YEARS, INCLUDING THE REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF TIME
4 DEDICATED TO FEDERALLY REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS AND IF TESTING TIME
5 COULD BE REDUCED FURTHER WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING VALIDITY OF
6 TESTING RESULTS.

7 (4) THE AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER STANDARDIZED
8 TESTS EACH YEAR, DISAGGREGATED BY TYPE OF EXAM AND SCHOOL
9 ENTITY, AND A COMPARISON TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME DEDICATED TO
10 ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENTS IN OTHER STATES.

11 (5) THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND SCHOOL
12 ENTITIES TO ADMINISTER STANDARDIZED TESTS EACH YEAR FROM THE
13 2014-2015 THROUGH 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEARS, INCLUDING THE COST
14 INCURRED BY STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, DISAGGREGATED BY TYPE OF
15 EXAM AND SCHOOL ENTITY.

16 (6) AN ANALYSIS OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S STUDENTS'
17 PARTICIPATION IN STANDARDIZED TESTS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH,
18 DISAGGREGATED BY TYPE OF EXAM AND SCHOOL ENTITY.

19 (7) A REVIEW OF THE TOTAL COST BY STATE TO ADMINISTER HIGHER
20 EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS IN STATES THAT USE ONE FOR PURPOSES OF
21 COMPLIANCE WITH THE TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF
22 THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED
23 BY THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT. THE EXAMINATION SHALL INCLUDE
24 AN ANALYSIS OF ANNUAL COSTS INCURRED BY STATES AND HOW COSTS
25 HAVE CHANGED FROM THE 2014-2015 THROUGH 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEARS.

26 (8) AN EVALUATION OF TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STANDARDIZED
27 TESTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS THAT PERMIT STUDENTS WITH
28 DISABILITIES, ENGLISH LEARNERS AND STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE
29 AND REDUCED LUNCH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EACH
30 ASSESSMENT AND RECEIVE COMPARABLE BENEFITS.

1 (9) A SUMMARY OF HOW ANY CHANGES TO STANDARDIZED TESTS OR
2 USE OF A DIFFERENT ASSESSMENT WOULD IMPACT THE EDUCATOR
3 EVALUATION SYSTEM, THE FUTURE READY INDEX, THE CALCULATION OF
4 ACADEMIC GROWTH VIA THE VALUE-ADDED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND
5 STATEWIDE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS OR PATHWAYS.

6 (10) A SURVEY OF HOW SCHOOL ENTITIES PREPARE STUDENTS FOR
7 THE STANDARDIZED TESTS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PRACTICE TESTS,
8 CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE PRACTICE, A STRUCTURE FOR INTERVENTION
9 BASED ON PRACTICE TEST RESULTS, SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR
10 TESTED AND NONTESTED STUDENTS, TEST DAY STRATEGIES, A STRUCTURE
11 FOR REMEDIATION IF STUDENTS NEED TO RETEST, VERIFICATION OF
12 CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT AND IF LOCAL END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS ARE
13 ADMINISTERED IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARDIZED TESTS IN ASSOCIATED
14 SUBJECT AREAS.

15 (11) A SURVEY OF EDUCATORS AND SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY
16 ADMINISTRATORS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH ON THE USE OF ONLINE
17 ASSESSMENTS VERSUS PAPER AND PENCIL EXAMS THAT WILL REFLECT
18 THEIR PROFESSIONAL FEEDBACK ON ONLINE ASSESSMENTS, BENEFITS AND
19 CONCERNS.

20 (12) A SUMMARY AND COMPARISON OF THE EXISTING RESEARCH ON
21 THE CORRELATION BETWEEN PERFORMANCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
22 ASSESSMENTS AND PERFORMANCE ON STATE STANDARDIZED TESTING.

23 (13) AN ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
24 ASSESSMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF AGGREGATE STUDENT COMPARISON AND
25 DIFFERENTIATION AMONG SCHOOLS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH'S
26 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

27 (14) AN EVALUATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER EACH HIGHER
28 EDUCATION ASSESSMENT MEETS OR MUST MEET THE CRITERIA FOR
29 TECHNICAL QUALITY AND PEER REVIEW.

30 (15) AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF CHANGES TO THE

1 COMMONWEALTH'S TESTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE ALTERNATIVE
2 GRADUATION PATHWAYS IN SECTION 121.

3 (16) A COMPARISON OF THE COST TO THE COMMONWEALTH TO
4 ADMINISTER THE KEYSTONE EXAMS COMPARED TO AN ESTIMATE OF THE
5 COST TO THE COMMONWEALTH TO ADMINISTER A HIGHER EDUCATION
6 ASSESSMENT AS A REPLACEMENT TO THE KEYSTONE EXAMS.

7 (C) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
8 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
9 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

10 "ACT." AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 121(D).

11 "ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM." AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN
12 SECTION 121(D).

13 "COMMITTEE." THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

14 "HIGHER EDUCATION ASSESSMENT." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (1) SAT.

16 (2) ACT.

17 (3) AN EXAM FOR AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM.

18 "KEYSTONE EXAM." AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 102.

19 "PSSA TEST." AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 102.

20 "SAT." AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 121(D).

21 "SCHOOL ENTITY." AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 121(D).

22 "STANDARDIZED TEST." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

23 (1) KEYSTONE EXAM.

24 (2) PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM SCHOOL ASSESSMENT TEST OR PSSA TEST.

25 (3) PENNSYLVANIA ALTERNATE SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT.

26 SECTION 2. SECTION 742 OF THE ACT IS REPEALED:

27 [SECTION 742. LEAD TESTING.--(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019
28 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EVERY SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, SCHOOL FACILITIES
29 WHERE CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL MAY BE TESTED FOR LEAD LEVELS IN
30 THE DRINKING WATER AND ANY SCHOOL FACILITY WHOSE TESTING SHOWS

1 LEAD LEVELS IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL OR
2 MILLIGRAMS PER LITER AS SET BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
3 PROTECTION AGENCY'S NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS
4 SHALL IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO ENSURE NO CHILD OR ADULT
5 IS EXPOSED TO LEAD CONTAMINATION DRINKING WATER AND THAT
6 ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

7 (B) IF A SCHOOL ENTITY DOES NOT TEST LEAD LEVELS UNDER
8 PARAGRAPH (A) THE SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL, AT A PUBLIC MEETING,
9 DISCUSS LEAD ISSUES IN THE SCHOOL FACILITIES.

10 (C) IF A TEST OF LEAD LEVELS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) IS
11 ELEVATED, THE LEVEL SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 EDUCATION AND POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
13 INTERNET WEBSITE.]

14 SECTION 2.1. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

15 SECTION 742.1. LEAD TESTING.--(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2026-
16 2027 SCHOOL YEAR AND EVERY SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, SCHOOL
17 FACILITIES WHERE CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL MAY BE TESTED FOR LEAD
18 LEVELS IN THE DRINKING WATER AND ANY SCHOOL FACILITY WHOSE
19 TESTING SHOWS LEAD LEVELS IN EXCESS OF 0.005 MILLIGRAMS PER
20 LITER SHALL IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT NO CHILD
21 OR ADULT IS EXPOSED TO LEAD CONTAMINATION DRINKING WATER AND
22 THAT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

23 (B) IF A SCHOOL ENTITY DOES NOT TEST LEAD LEVELS UNDER
24 SUBSECTION (A), THE SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL, AT A PUBLIC MEETING,
25 DISCUSS LEAD ISSUES IN THE SCHOOL FACILITIES.

26 (C) IF A TEST OF LEAD LEVELS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) IS
27 ELEVATED, THE LEVEL SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
28 EDUCATION AND POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
29 INTERNET WEBSITE.

30 SECTION 3. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING AN ARTICLE TO READ:

1 ARTICLE VII-A

2 SCHOOL FACILITIES

3 SECTION 701-A. DEFINITIONS.

4 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE
5 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
6 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

7 "ATHLETIC FACILITY." A LOCKER ROOM, GYMNASIUM, ARENA, POOL,
8 ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM, WEIGHT ROOM OR ANY OTHER LOCATION USED
9 BY STUDENTS AND THEIR COACHES FOR SPORTS TRAINING, PRACTICE,
10 COMPETITION AND COACHING.

11 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
12 COMMONWEALTH.

13 "PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY." A STRUCTURE, BUILDING OR FACILITY
14 OCCUPIED BY OWNERSHIP, LEASE OR OTHER AGREEMENT AND USED BY A
15 SCHOOL ENTITY.

16 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA CAREER AND
17 TECHNICAL SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL,
18 CHARTER SCHOOL OR REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL.

19 SECTION 702-A. PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY INVENTORY.

20 (A) DUTY OF DEPARTMENT.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE
21 FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM EACH SCHOOL ENTITY FOR EACH PUBLIC
22 SCHOOL FACILITY:

23 (1) THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL ENTITY THAT OCCUPIES THE
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY THROUGH OWNERSHIP, LEASE OR OTHER
25 AGREEMENT.

26 (2) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY.

27 (3) THE GRADES SERVED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY, IF
28 APPLICABLE.

29 (4) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
30 FACILITY AND A PROJECTION FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OVER

10 YEARS, IF APPLICABLE.

(5) THE BUILDING CAPACITY LIMITS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

(6) WHETHER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IS AN
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING, ATHLETIC
FACILITY OR MAINTENANCE BUILDING.

(7) THE NUMBER OF STORIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY.

(8) THE SIZE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IN
APPROXIMATE SQUARE FOOTAGE.

(9) THE ACREAGE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY SITE, IF
AVAILABLE.

(10) WHETHER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IS:

(I) OWNED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY; OR

(II) LEASED OR RENTED TO THE SCHOOL ENTITY,
INCLUDING WHETHER THE SCHOOL ENTITY IS FINANCIALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTINE AND PREVENTATIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
FACILITY MAINTENANCE COSTS.

(11) THE AGE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY, IF KNOWN,
INCLUDING DATES AND BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF ANY MAJOR
RENOVATION OR ADDITION. THIS REQUIREMENT MAY BE MET BY
INCLUDING A THIRD-PARTY FACILITY STUDY PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED
BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY.

(B) DATA SUBMISSION.--NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2027, THE
DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A FORM AND ELECTRONIC PROCESS FOR A
SCHOOL ENTITY TO SUBMIT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER
SUBSECTION (A).

(C) DUTY OF SCHOOL ENTITY.--NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2027,
A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER
SUBSECTION (A) TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED
BY THE DEPARTMENT.

1 (D) INVENTORY UPDATE.--EVERY FIVE YEARS FROM THE REQUIRED
2 SUBMISSION DATE IN SUBSECTION (C), A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL REVIEW,
3 UPDATE AND REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE INFORMATION UNDER
4 SUBSECTION (A), INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
5 FACILITY USE, OCCUPANCY OR OWNERSHIP OR DAMAGE TO OR CLOSURE OF
6 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY.

7 SECTION 4. SECTION 1202.1(B)(2) AND (C) OF THE ACT ARE
8 AMENDED TO READ:

9 SECTION 1202.1. SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE GRADE SPANS
10 AND AGE LEVELS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.--* * *

11 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING
12 DUTIES:

13 * * *

14 (2) BY [MARCH 1, 2019, AND BY MARCH 1] DECEMBER 1, 2027, AND
15 BY DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, ISSUE A REPORT TO THE
16 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF
17 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
18 AND POST THE REPORT ON THE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE
19 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

20 (I) THE NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL I CERTIFICATES ISSUED, IN
21 TOTAL AND SUBDIVIDED BY FIELD OF CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER
22 PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2010. THIS SHALL
23 INCLUDE CERTIFICATES ISSUED RECIPROCALLY FOR OUT-OF-STATE
24 TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

25 (II) THE NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL II CERTIFICATES ISSUED, IN
26 TOTAL AND SUBDIVIDED BY FIELD OF CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER
27 PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2010. THIS SHALL
28 INCLUDE CERTIFICATES ISSUED RECIPROCALLY FOR OUT-OF-STATE
29 TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

30 (III) THE NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATES ISSUED, IN

1 TOTAL AND SUBDIVIDED BY FIELD OF CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER
2 PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2010. THIS SHALL
3 INCLUDE CERTIFICATES ISSUED RECIPROCALLY FOR OUT-OF-STATE
4 TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

5 (IV) THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES ISSUED, IN TOTAL
6 AND SUBDIVIDED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY BY WHICH THE
7 INDIVIDUAL IS EMPLOYED AND BY FIELD OF CERTIFICATION FOR EACH
8 YEAR BEGINNING IN 2010.

9 (V) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE ASSESSMENT
10 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) AND WHO ATTAINED QUALIFYING SCORES ON THE
11 ASSESSMENT SINCE THE ASSESSMENT WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

13 (VI) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED AS CLASSROOM
14 MONITORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1218.2 AND THE NUMBER OF
15 DAYS THAT THE SCHOOL ENTITY USED THE SERVICES OF CLASSROOM
16 MONITORS.

17 [(C) THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A
18 STUDY AND ISSUE A REPORT SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

19 (1) THE STUDY SHALL ANALYZE THE FOLLOWING:

20 (I) THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE FIELDS OF CERTIFICATION,
21 INCLUDING GRADE SPAN AND AGE LEVEL LIMITATIONS, IN IMPROVING
22 STUDENT OUTCOMES.

23 (II) THE CREATION OR ELIMINATION OF TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS
24 OR ENDORSEMENTS.

25 (III) NATIONAL TRENDS REGARDING GRADE SPAN AND AGE
26 LIMITATIONS OF CERTIFICATION.

27 (2) THE REPORT SHALL BE TRANSMITTED NO LATER THAN JUNE 1,
28 2019, TO THE FOLLOWING:

29 (I) THE GOVERNOR.

30 (II) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE

1 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

2 (III) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
3 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.]

4 SECTION 5. SECTION 1205.2(H.1), (N.1) AND (O) OF THE ACT ARE
5 AMENDED AND SUBSECTION (C) IS AMENDED BY ADDING A CLAUSE TO
6 READ:

7 SECTION 1205.2. PROGRAM OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL AND
8 PARAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.--* * *

9 (C) THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) MAY BE SATISFIED BY A
10 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR, WHETHER OR NOT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY A
11 SCHOOL ENTITY, BY THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CREDITS OR HOURS
12 TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 * * *

14 (9) CREDITS OR HOURS APPROVED BY ANOTHER STATE COMPLETED BY
15 A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR WHO IS CERTIFIED AND EMPLOYED IN A STATE
16 OTHER THAN THIS COMMONWEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REJECT CREDITS
17 SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH THAT THE DEPARTMENT
18 DETERMINES ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO CREDITS OR HOURS UNDER THIS
19 SUBSECTION.

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21 (H.1) WHENEVER A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR MOVES FROM THE
22 ADDRESS NAMED IN THE APPLICATION FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OR FROM
23 THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CURRENT ADDRESS, SUCH PROFESSIONAL
24 EDUCATOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT
25 WITH THE MOST CURRENT ADDRESS. NOTIFICATION SHALL BE MADE IN A
26 FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. IF A PROFESSIONAL
27 EDUCATOR NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT, IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE
28 DEPARTMENT, THAT THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR HAS MOVED TO A STATE
29 OTHER THAN THIS COMMONWEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE
30 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE

1 CERTIFICATE AS ALLOWED BY SUBSECTION (C) (9).

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3 [(N.1) (1) BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
4 SUBSECTION, THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (F) SHALL
5 BE SUSPENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2013. DURING THAT TIME, THE
6 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY
7 OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
8 EDUCATION PROGRAM. AN INTERIM REPORT SHALL BE DUE ON NOVEMBER
9 30, 2012, AND THE FINAL REPORT SHALL BE DUE ON MARCH 1, 2013. ON
10 JULY 1, 2013, EACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR SHALL HAVE THE SAME
11 NUMBER OF HOURS OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND THE
12 SAME AMOUNT OF TIME IN WHICH TO COMPLETE THOSE HOURS AS EXISTED
13 FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
14 SUBSECTION: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
15 EDUCATION CREDITS OR HOURS COMPLETED BY A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
16 DURING THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
17 CREDITED TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
18 EDUCATION RECORD.]

19 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBSECTION, THE PROVISIONS OF
20 SECTIONS 1003(A) (3) AND (C) AND 1207.1(D) (1) (IV) REQUIRING THAT
21 CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT AS A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR
22 ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND CANDIDATES FOR
23 ADMINISTRATIVE AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL DIRECTOR CERTIFICATES
24 COMPLETE A LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE
25 PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 1217
26 SHALL NOT BE SUSPENDED.]

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28 (O) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING
29 WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS
30 SUBSECTION:

1 "APPROVED PROVIDER" IS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
2 SCHOOL ENTITY, INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED
3 LIABILITY COMPANY OR ASSOCIATION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO
4 PROVIDE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CREDITS OR HOURS UNDER
5 THIS SECTION. PROVIDED, A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY APPROVE A PROVIDER
6 OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CREDITS OR HOURS IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES.

8 "AREA OF A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S ASSIGNMENT OR
9 CERTIFICATION" SHALL MEAN ANY COMPONENT OF THE EDUCATION
10 PROFESSION AS IT RELATES TO THE CURRENT JOB TITLE OR DESCRIPTION
11 OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR OR TO ANY AREA OF CERTIFICATION
12 LISTED ON THE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE'S PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATION
13 OR TO THE TYPE OF CERTIFICATE OR ENDORSEMENT HELD BY THE
14 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR.

15 "COLLEGIATE STUDIES" SHALL MEAN A FORMAL PROGRAM OR COURSE OF
16 STUDY AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION LEADING TO THE AWARD
17 OF ACADEMIC CREDIT.

18 "COMPLIANCE PERIOD" SHALL MEAN THE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH A
19 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR MUST SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE CONTINUING
20 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) AND
21 WHICH CONCLUDES EVERY FIVE YEARS BEGINNING:

22 (1) JULY 1, 2000, FOR THOSE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS WHO WERE
23 ISSUED A STATE CERTIFICATE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2000; OR

24 (2) ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR IS ISSUED
25 A STATE CERTIFICATE FOR THOSE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS WHO WERE
26 CERTIFIED AFTER JULY 1, 2000.

27 "CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES" SHALL MEAN
28 COURSES FOR CREDIT, OTHER THAN COLLEGIATE STUDIES, CONDUCTED BY
29 PROVIDERS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

30 "DEPARTMENT" SHALL MEAN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE

1 COMMONWEALTH.

2 "PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR" SHALL MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A
3 PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST OR ADMINISTRATIVE
4 CERTIFICATION [OR], LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY OR COMMISSION
5 QUALIFICATION LETTER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION
6 1003(B.2).

7 "SCHOOL ENTITY" SHALL MEAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN INTERMEDIATE
8 UNIT, A JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL
9 SCHOOL, A CHARTER SCHOOL AND THE SCRANTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF OR
10 ANY OF THESE ACTING JOINTLY.

11 SECTION 6. SECTIONS 1205.5(A)(1), (G) AND (H) AND 1217(C) OF
12 THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

13 SECTION 1205.5. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL
14 OR SYSTEM LEADERS.--(A) (1) [BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, EVERY]
15 EVERY SCHOOL OR SYSTEM LEADER SHALL MEET THE CONTINUING
16 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1205.2 THROUGH
17 PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
18 SECTION.

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20 (G) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SCHOOL OR
21 SYSTEM LEADER" SHALL MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES ON A
22 CERTIFICATE AS A PRINCIPAL, VICE PRINCIPAL, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL,
23 DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AN AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL
24 SCHOOL, SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, INTERMEDIATE
25 UNIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR^[,] OR ASSISTANT INTERMEDIATE UNIT
26 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR [OR DIRECTOR OF AN AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL
27 SCHOOL.], INCLUDING THOSE SERVING ON A COMMISSION QUALIFICATION
28 LETTER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
29 1003(B.2).

30 [(H) (1) BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS

SUBSECTION, THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (A), (C) AND (D) SHALL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2013.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBSECTION, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 1003(A)(3) AND (C) AND 1207.1(D)(1)(IV) REQUIRING THAT CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT AS A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND CANDIDATES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL DIRECTOR CERTIFICATES COMPLETE A LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 1217 SHALL NOT BE SUSPENDED.]

SECTION 1217. PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STANDARDS.--* *

(C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SCHOOL OR SYSTEM LEADER" SHALL MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES ON A CERTIFICATE AS A PRINCIPAL, VICE PRINCIPAL, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AN AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR[,] OR ASSISTANT INTERMEDIATE UNIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR [OR DIRECTOR OF AN AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.], WHICH INCLUDES THOSE SERVING ON A COMMISSION QUALIFICATION LETTER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1003(B.2).

SECTION 7. SECTION 1218.1 OF THE ACT IS REPEALED:

[SECTION 1218.1. PERMIT FOR CLASSROOM MONITORS.--(A) A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT ISSUE A CLASSROOM MONITOR PERMIT TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO DELIVER TO STUDENTS ASSIGNMENTS THAT ARE PREPLANNED BY A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE OR TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE. A CLASSROOM MONITOR MAY NOT PLAN LESSONS OR CREATE OR GRADE STUDENT WORK.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING A PERMIT UNDER SUBSECTION (A)

1 SHALL SATISFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (1) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST SIXTY (60) SEMESTER HOURS OR THE
3 EQUIVALENT OF COURSES AT A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THIS
4 COMMONWEALTH AND ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY OR
5 HAS AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS' EXPERIENCE AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL
6 IN A SCHOOL ENTITY AND IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A
7 PARAPROFESSIONAL IN A SCHOOL ENTITY.

8 (2) HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTIONS 111, 111.1 AND
9 1109(A) AND 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 SUBCH. C (RELATING TO POWERS AND
10 DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT).

11 (3) HAS ATTAINED A MINIMUM AGE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS.

12 (4) HAS COMPLETED TRAINING ON CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PROVIDED
13 BY AN INTERMEDIATE UNIT AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

14 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION WHO
15 IS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL
16 SHALL RECEIVE THE HIGHER OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S EXISTING
17 CONTRACTUAL COMPENSATION OR THE COMPENSATION ESTABLISHED BY THE
18 SCHOOL ENTITY FOR DAY-TO-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

19 (D) EACH SCHOOL ENTITY THAT USES THE SERVICES OF A CLASSROOM
20 MONITOR UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH STUDENT WHO
21 RECEIVES SERVICES UNDER AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM
22 UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (PUBLIC
23 LAW 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 ET SEQ.) RECEIVES A FREE AND
24 APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION AS REQUIRED UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS
25 WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.

26 (E) EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE
27 FOLLOWING BY MARCH 31, 2026:

28 (1) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED AS CLASSROOM
29 MONITORS UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS ON WHICH THE
30 SCHOOL ENTITY USED THE SERVICES OF CLASSROOM MONITORS.

1 (2) THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S DAY-TO-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
2 COMPENSATION RATES IN EACH OF THE SCHOOL YEARS FROM 2020-2021
3 THROUGH 2025-2026. FOR A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT USES A THIRD-PARTY
4 ENTITY TO PROVIDE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, THE RATE REPORTED BY THE
5 SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE THE TAKE-HOME AMOUNT RECEIVED BY AN
6 INDIVIDUAL, EXCLUDING THE PORTION PAID TO THE THIRD-PARTY
7 ENTITY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE RULES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE
8 THIS SUBSECTION.

9 (F) BY APRIL 15, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REPORT
10 ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CLASSROOM MONITOR PERMIT AND
11 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OR CONTINUATION OF THE PERMIT.
12 THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE INFORMATION
13 REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (E) AND A FORMAL
14 EVALUATION OF THE PERMIT AND ITS EFFECTIVENESS BY AN INDEPENDENT
15 RESEARCH ORGANIZATION WHICH MAY INCLUDE A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
16 ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY. THE REPORT SHALL BE
17 SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE BOARD AND SHALL
18 BE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET
19 WEBSITE.

20 (G) THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026.]

21 SECTION 8. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
22 SECTION 1218.2. PERMIT FOR CLASSROOM MONITORS.-- (A) A
23 SCHOOL ENTITY MAY REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT ISSUE A CLASSROOM
24 MONITOR PERMIT TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO DELIVER TO STUDENTS
25 ASSIGNMENTS THAT ARE PREPLANNED AND DEVELOPED BY A PROFESSIONAL
26 EMPLOYE OR TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE ASSIGNED TO THE
27 CLASSROOM. A CLASSROOM MONITOR MAY NOT PLAN LESSONS OR CREATE OR
28 GRADE STUDENT WORK AND MAY NOT SERVE IN A SINGLE ASSIGNMENT FOR
29 MORE THAN TWENTY (20) CUMULATIVE SCHOOL DAYS OF SERVICE.

30 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING A PERMIT UNDER SUBSECTION (A)

1 SHALL SATISFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (1) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST SIXTY (60) SEMESTER HOURS OR THE
3 EQUIVALENT OF COURSES AT A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THIS
4 COMMONWEALTH AND ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY OR
5 HAS AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS' EXPERIENCE AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL
6 IN A SCHOOL ENTITY AND IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A
7 PARAPROFESSIONAL IN A SCHOOL ENTITY.

8 (2) HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTIONS 111, 111.1 AND
9 1109(A) AND 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 SUBCH. C (RELATING TO POWERS AND
10 DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT).

11 (3) HAS ATTAINED A MINIMUM AGE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS.

12 (4) HAS COMPLETED TRAINING ON CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PROVIDED
13 BY AN INTERMEDIATE UNIT AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

14 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION WHO
15 IS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL
16 SHALL RECEIVE THE HIGHER OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S EXISTING
17 CONTRACTUAL COMPENSATION OR THE COMPENSATION ESTABLISHED BY THE
18 SCHOOL ENTITY FOR DAY-TO-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

19 (D) EACH SCHOOL ENTITY THAT USES THE SERVICES OF A CLASSROOM
20 MONITOR UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH STUDENT WHO
21 RECEIVES SERVICES UNDER AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM
22 UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (PUBLIC
23 LAW 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 ET SEQ.) RECEIVES A FREE AND
24 APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION AS REQUIRED UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS
25 WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.

26 (E) EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE
27 FOLLOWING BY JUNE 30, 2027, AND EACH JUNE 30 THEREAFTER:

28 (1) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED AS CLASSROOM
29 MONITORS UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS ON WHICH THE
30 SCHOOL ENTITY USED THE SERVICES OF CLASSROOM MONITORS.

1 (2) THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S DAY-TO-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
2 COMPENSATION RATES. FOR A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT USES A THIRD-PARTY
3 ENTITY TO PROVIDE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, THE RATE REPORTED BY THE
4 SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE THE TAKE-HOME AMOUNT RECEIVED BY AN
5 INDIVIDUAL, EXCLUDING THE PORTION PAID TO THE THIRD-PARTY
6 ENTITY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE RULES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE
7 THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (F) THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2029.

9 SECTION 9. SECTION 1327.2(A.1)(3)(III) OF THE ACT, AMENDED
10 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), IS AMENDED TO READ:

11 SECTION 1327.2. ATTENDANCE POLICY AT CHARTER, REGIONAL
12 CHARTER AND CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS.--* * *

13 (A.1) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A), A
14 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ATTENDANCE POLICY THE
15 FOLLOWING:

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17 (3) A POLICY TO DETERMINE WHEN A CHILD HAS AN UNEXCUSED OR
18 EXCUSED ABSENCE OR IS PRESENT FOR ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION. TO
19 BE PRESENT FOR ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION, A CHILD MUST COMPLETE
20 WEEKLY BENCHMARKS. THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS SHALL APPLY TO THE
21 WEEKLY BENCHMARKS:

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23 (III) IF A STUDENT DOES NOT COMPLETE THE WEEKLY BENCHMARK,
24 THE STUDENT SHALL RECEIVE AN ABSENCE [OR OTHER CONSEQUENCE] IN
25 ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

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27 SECTION 10. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

28 SECTION 1327.4. SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLEE WELLNESS CHECKS.--

29 (A) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT WEEKLY WELLNESS CHECKS FOR
30 EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES

1 ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
2 VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE FULL SCHOOL YEAR. A SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT SHALL, AT LEAST ONCE DURING ANY WEEK CONSISTING OF AT
4 LEAST THREE FULL OR PARTIAL DAYS OF ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, ENSURE
5 THAT EACH STUDENT IS VISIBLY SEEN AND COMMUNICATED WITH IN REAL
6 TIME EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS BY A TEACHER,
7 ADMINISTRATOR OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
8 SUBJECT TO 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 (RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTIVE
9 SERVICES) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENT AND
10 VERIFY PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM. THE
11 FOLLOWING APPLY TO A WELLNESS CHECK:

12 (1) THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE SATISFIED
13 BY EACH STUDENT TURNING ON A WEBCAM AND A TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR
14 OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBJECT TO 23
15 PA.C.S. CH. 63 VISIBLY SEEING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE STUDENT
16 DURING SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE INSTRUCTION.

17 (2) PARTICIPATION IN VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE HEALTH
18 SCREENINGS, STANDARDIZED TESTING, ADVISING AND TUTORING AND IN-
19 PERSON SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES CHAPERONED BY A TEACHER,
20 ADMINISTRATOR OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
21 SUBJECT TO 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 MAY COUNT TOWARD FULFILLING A
22 WELLNESS CHECK UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

23 (3) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY EXEMPT A STUDENT FROM A WEEKLY
24 WELLNESS CHECK IF THE STUDENT HAS RECEIVED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE IN
25 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1329 FOR THE DAY ON WHICH THE WELLNESS
26 CHECK WAS ATTEMPTED. IF A STUDENT HAS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE ON THE
27 DAY A WEEKLY WELLNESS CHECK IS ATTEMPTED, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
28 SHALL CONDUCT THE CHECK ON THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY OR ON ANOTHER
29 SCHOOL DAY DURING THAT SAME WEEK. IF A STUDENT HAS AN EXCUSED
30 ABSENCE FOR ALL SCHOOL DAYS DURING A WEEK, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 SHALL EXEMPT A STUDENT FROM A WELLNESS CHECK FOR THAT WEEK.

2 (4) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY EXEMPT A STUDENT FROM A WEEKLY
3 WELLNESS CHECK IF THE STUDENT'S HOUSEHOLD IS EXPERIENCING A
4 DOCUMENTED INTERNET OR POWER OUTAGE DURING THE DAY AND TIME IN
5 WHICH THE WELLNESS CHECK WAS ATTEMPTED. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
6 SHALL CONDUCT THE WELLNESS CHECK ON THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY OR ON
7 ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY DURING THAT SAME WEEK FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF
8 THE INTERNET OR POWER OUTAGE. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE
9 STUDENT SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE INTERNET OR POWER
10 OUTAGE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

11 (5) WITHIN ONE SCHOOL DAY AFTER A STUDENT FAILS TO COMPLETE
12 A REQUIRED WELLNESS CHECK, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL:

13 (I) MAKE DOCUMENTED ONGOING EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED
14 WELLNESS CHECK AND CONTACT THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN
15 USING AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT METHODS OF COMMUNICATION; AND

16 (II) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR
17 GUARDIAN, IN THEIR PREFERRED LANGUAGE, THAT THE REQUIRED
18 WELLNESS CHECK HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

19 (6) IF THE REQUIRED WELLNESS CHECK IS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN
20 THREE (3) SCHOOL DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE IS SENT UNDER PARAGRAPH
21 (5)(II), THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

22 (I) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL IMMEDIATELY SCHEDULE A
23 WELLNESS REVIEW CONFERENCE TO OCCUR WITHIN ONE SCHOOL DAY. THE
24 CONFERENCE MAY BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON OR BY ELECTRONIC MEANS AND
25 SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE REQUIRED WELLNESS
26 CHECK THROUGH A REAL-TIME VISUAL INTERACTION WITH THE STUDENT,
27 REESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION WITH THE STUDENT AND THE STUDENT'S
28 PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND IDENTIFYING INTERVENTIONS TO ENSURE THAT
29 THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN FUTURE WELLNESS CHECKS.

30 (II) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONVENE THE WELLNESS REVIEW

1 CONFERENCE AS SCHEDULED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE STUDENT OR
2 THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN PARTICIPATES.

3 (7) IF A STUDENT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE WELLNESS REVIEW
4 CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (6) (II), THE SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT AN IN-PERSON WELLNESS CHECK WITHIN 24
6 HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED CONFERENCE.

7 (8) A SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MAY NOT ALTER ANY
8 ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR WELLNESS CHECKS AFTER THE WELLNESS CHECK
9 IS PERFORMED, UNLESS THE ALTERATION CORRECTS AN ERROR.

10 (B) IF ANY INDICATION OF ABUSE, NEGLECT OR HARM TO A CHILD
11 IS OBSERVED, A SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, EMPLOYE OR
12 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL REPORT THE CONCERNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 23
13 PA.C.S. CH. 63.

14 (C) NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING
15 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH A VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION
16 PROGRAM SHALL ESTABLISH A WELLNESS CHECK POLICY THAT
17 DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) AND POST
18 THE WELLNESS CHECK POLICY ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET
19 WEBSITE.

20 (D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS
21 SECTION FROM A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF A
22 STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES ACADEMIC
23 INSTRUCTION EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S VIRTUAL
24 INSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND TO VERIFY ATTENDANCE IN THE EDUCATIONAL
25 PROGRAM.

26 (E) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION MAY RESULT IN THE
27 DEPARTMENT TAKING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

28 (1) REQUIRING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REPORT TO THE
29 DEPARTMENT THE DATE, TIME AND METHOD OF EACH WELLNESS CHECK FOR
30 EACH STUDENT ENROLLED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

1 VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

2 (2) MANDATING SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND
3 STAFF TO COMPLETE CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION, PREVENTION AND
4 REPORTING TRAINING ANNUALLY.

5 (3) REQUIRING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET IN PERSON WITH
6 EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN A VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM AT LEAST
7 ONCE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH
8 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

9 (4) PROHIBITING A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM BEING AWARDED A
10 COMPETITIVE STATE GRANT BY THE DEPARTMENT UNTIL THE SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (A), (B) AND
12 (C).

13 SECTION 11. SECTION 1333(A) AND (C.1) OF THE ACT, AMENDED
14 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION
15 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

16 SECTION 1333. PROCEDURE WHEN CHILD IS TRUANT.--(A) WHEN A
17 CHILD IS TRUANT, THE SCHOOL SHALL NOTIFY IN WRITING THE PERSON
18 IN PARENTAL RELATION WITH THE CHILD WHO RESIDES IN THE SAME
19 HOUSEHOLD AS THE CHILD OF THE CHILD'S VIOLATION OF COMPULSORY
20 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WITHIN TEN (10) SCHOOL DAYS OF THE CHILD'S
21 THIRD UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. THE NOTICE:

22 (1) SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSEQUENCES THAT
23 WILL FOLLOW IF THE CHILD BECOMES HABITUALLY TRUANT;

24 (2) SHALL BE IN THE MODE AND LANGUAGE OF COMMUNICATION
25 PREFERRED BY THE PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATION;

26 (2.1) SHALL INCLUDE NOTICE TO THE PERSON IN PARENTAL
27 RELATION THAT A CHILD WHO IS HABITUALLY TRUANT MAY NOT TRANSFER,
28 DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, TO A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL UNLESS A JUDGE
29 DETERMINES THAT THE TRANSFER IS IN THE EDUCATIONAL BEST INTEREST
30 OF THE CHILD;

1 (2.2) SHALL INCLUDE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE CHILD
2 AND THE PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATION WITH RETURNING THE CHILD TO
3 COMPLIANT COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR
4 FURTHER ACADEMIC RECOVERY IN RESPONSE TO THE TRUANT BEHAVIOR;

5 (3) MAY INCLUDE THE OFFER OF A SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT
6 CONFERENCE; [OR]

7 (4) WHEN TRANSMITTED TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT THE BIOLOGICAL
8 OR ADOPTIVE PARENT, SHALL ALSO BE PROVIDED TO THE CHILD'S
9 BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENT IF THE PARENT'S MAILING ADDRESS IS
10 ON FILE WITH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM
11 RECEIVING THE INFORMATION BY COURT ORDER[.]; AND

12 (5) SHALL INCLUDE A NOTICE DEVELOPED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE
13 OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT, THAT DETAILS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE COURT HOLD AN
15 EDUCATIONAL BEST INTEREST HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION (C.1) IF THE
16 CHILD BECOMES HABITUALLY TRUANT.

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18 (C.1) A CHILD WHO IS HABITUALLY TRUANT MAY NOT TRANSFER,
19 DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, TO A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL UNLESS A JUDGE
20 DETERMINES THAT THE TRANSFER IS IN THE EDUCATIONAL BEST INTEREST
21 OF THE CHILD.

22 (C.2) (1) IF A CITATION HAS NOT BEEN FILED UNDER SECTION
23 1333.2, A PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATION WHO RESIDES IN THE SAME
24 HOUSEHOLD AS THE CHILD OR THE CHILD IF THE CHILD IS FIFTEEN (15)
25 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY FILE A REQUEST FOR AN EDUCATIONAL BEST
26 INTEREST HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION (C.1) WITH THE MAGISTERIAL
27 DISTRICT COURT OR MUNICIPAL COURT.

28 (2) THE VENUE FOR AN EDUCATIONAL BEST INTEREST HEARING SHALL
29 BE BASED ON THE LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS
30 CURRENTLY ENROLLED, UNLESS THE CHILD IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A

1 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL, IN WHICH CASE THE HEARING VENUE SHALL BE
2 BASED UPON THE RESIDENCE OF THE CHILD. THE JUDGE SHALL ENSURE
3 THAT ALL HEARINGS ARE HELD WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A
4 REQUEST UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR A CITATION UNDER SECTION 1333.2
5 AND INCLUDE THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS CURRENTLY
6 ENROLLED, A PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATION WHO RESIDES IN THE SAME
7 HOUSEHOLD AS THE CHILD AND THE CHILD IF THE CHILD IS FIFTEEN
8 (15) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE JUDGE. THE
9 HEARINGS SHALL OCCUR IN PERSON, UNLESS THE JUDGE DEEMS TWO-WAY
10 SIMULTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH
11 COURT RULES.

12 (3) WHEN DETERMINING THE EDUCATIONAL BEST INTEREST OF THE
13 CHILD UNDER SUBSECTION (C.1), THE JUDGE SHALL CONSIDER THE
14 FOLLOWING:

15 (I) HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE CHILD, INCLUDING ANXIETY
16 AND TRAUMA;

17 (II) ATTENDANCE RECORDS;

18 (III) GRADES;

19 (IV) SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HISTORY;

20 (V) LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS IN PROPOSED PROGRAM;

21 (VI) SAFETY CONCERNS, INCLUDING BULLYING;

22 (VII) ACADEMIC ACCESS TO PROGRAMS;

23 (VIII) DISCIPLINARY OR CRIMINAL ACTIONS;

24 (IX) FAMILY SUPPORT; AND

25 (X) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

26 * * *

27 SECTION 12. SECTIONS 1333.2 (A) AND 1303.1-A OF THE ACT ARE
28 AMENDED TO READ:

29 SECTION 1333.2. PROCEDURE UPON FILING OF CITATION.-- (A) THE
30 VENUE FOR THE FILING OF A CITATION UNDER SECTION 1333.1 SHALL BE

1 BASED ON THE LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS
2 ENROLLED OR SHALL BE ENROLLED EXCEPT WHERE SECTION 1327.2(B)
3 APPLIES. THE JUDGE SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL HEARINGS INCLUDE THE
4 SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AND A PERSON IN
5 PARENTAL RELATION WHO RESIDES IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE
6 CHILD. THE HEARINGS SHALL OCCUR IN-PERSON, UNLESS THE JUDGE
7 DEEMS TWO-WAY SIMULTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY AND
8 APPROPRIATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH COURT RULES.

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10 SECTION 1303.1-A. POLICY RELATING TO BULLYING AND
11 CYBERBULLYING.--(A) [NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2009, EACH] EACH
12 SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL ADOPT A POLICY OR AMEND ITS EXISTING POLICY
13 RELATING TO BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING AND INCORPORATE THE
14 POLICY INTO THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT REQUIRED
15 UNDER 22 PA. CODE § 12.3(C) (RELATING TO SCHOOL RULES). THE
16 POLICY SHALL DELINEATE DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES FOR BULLYING
17 AND CYBERBULLYING AND MAY PROVIDE FOR PREVENTION, INTERVENTION
18 AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS, PROVIDED THAT NO SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE
19 REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A NEW POLICY UNDER THIS SECTION IF ONE
20 CURRENTLY EXISTS AND REASONABLY FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF
21 THIS SECTION. THE POLICY SHALL IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL
22 STAFF PERSON TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED
23 BULLYING[.] AND CYBERBULLYING. THE POLICY SHALL REQUIRE ALL
24 INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING TO BE
25 INVESTIGATED PROMPTLY BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY AND INCLUDE A
26 PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF AN INCIDENT OF ALLEGED
27 BULLYING OR CYBERBULLYING RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY. AFTER
28 DETERMINING THAT AN INCIDENT OF BULLYING OR CYBERBULLYING HAS
29 OCCURRED, THE SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY, AS SOON AS
30 PRACTICABLE, PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF ANY STUDENT INVOLVED

1 IN THE INCIDENT OF THE DETERMINATION.

2 (B) EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL MAKE THE POLICY AVAILABLE ON
3 ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE, IF AVAILABLE, AND IN
4 EVERY CLASSROOM. EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL POST THE POLICY AT A
5 PROMINENT LOCATION WITHIN EACH SCHOOL BUILDING WHERE SUCH
6 NOTICES ARE USUALLY POSTED. EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL ENSURE THAT
7 THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING BULLYING AND
8 CYBERBULLYING INCIDENTS ARE REVIEWED WITH STUDENTS WITHIN NINETY
9 (90) DAYS AFTER THEIR ADOPTION AND THEREAFTER AT LEAST ONCE EACH
10 SCHOOL YEAR.

11 (C) EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL REVIEW ITS POLICY EVERY THREE
12 (3) YEARS AND ANNUALLY PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH
13 A COPY OF ITS POLICY RELATING TO BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING,
14 INCLUDING INFORMATION RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION,
16 INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE INFORMATION REQUIRED
17 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ATTACHED TO OR MADE PART OF THE
18 ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 1319-B(B).

19 (D) IN ITS POLICY RELATING TO BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING
20 ADOPTED OR MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION (A), A SCHOOL ENTITY
21 SHALL NOT BE PROHIBITED FROM DEFINING BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING
22 IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENCOMPASS ACTS THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE A SCHOOL
23 SETTING IF THOSE ACTS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN
24 [SUBSECTION (E) (1), (3) AND (4).] PARAGRAPHS (1), (3) AND (4) OF
25 THE DEFINITION OF "BULLYING" UNDER SUBSECTION (E). IF A SCHOOL
26 ENTITY REPORTS ACTS OF BULLYING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
27 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1319-B(B), IT SHALL REPORT ALL
28 INCIDENTS THAT QUALIFY AS BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING UNDER THE
29 ENTITY'S ADOPTED DEFINITION OF THAT TERM.

30 (E) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, ["BULLYING"]

1 "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-GENERATED OR MODIFIED MEDIA" SHALL
2 MEAN TEXT, CODE, IMAGES, AUDIO OR VIDEO DATA THAT HAS BEEN
3 CREATED OR MODIFIED FROM ITS ORIGINAL SOURCE DATA THROUGH THE
4 USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY, PROGRAMS OR
5 PLATFORMS.

6 "BULLYING" SHALL MEAN AN INTENTIONAL ELECTRONIC, WRITTEN,
7 VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ACT, OR A SERIES OF ACTS:

- 8 (1) DIRECTED AT ANOTHER STUDENT OR STUDENTS;
9 (2) WHICH OCCURS IN A SCHOOL SETTING;
10 (3) THAT IS SEVERE, PERSISTENT OR PERVASIVE; AND
11 (4) THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF DOING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
12 (I) SUBSTANTIALLY INTERFERING WITH A STUDENT'S EDUCATION;
13 (II) CREATING A THREATENING ENVIRONMENT; OR
14 (III) SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPTING THE ORDERLY OPERATION OF THE
15 SCHOOL[; AND].

16 "CYBERBULLYING" SHALL MEAN BULLYING THROUGH THE USE OF
17 ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY OR COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING DATA, COMPUTER
18 SOFTWARE OR ONLINE PLATFORMS REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGIN, USING A
19 DEVICE, SYSTEM, NETWORK, INTERNET SERVICE, EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA
20 OR OTHER DIGITAL MEANS, INCLUDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-
21 GENERATED OR MODIFIED MEDIA, WHEN THE CONDUCT MEETS THE CRITERIA
22 IN PARAGRAPHS (1), (3) AND (4) OF THE DEFINITION OF "BULLYING."

23 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT, AREA
24 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER
25 SCHOOL AND REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL.

26 ["SCHOOL"] "SCHOOL SETTING" SHALL MEAN IN THE SCHOOL, ON
27 SCHOOL GROUNDS, IN SCHOOL VEHICLES, AT A DESIGNATED BUS STOP OR
28 AT ANY ACTIVITY SPONSORED, SUPERVISED OR SANCTIONED BY THE
29 SCHOOL.

30 SECTION 13. SECTION 1301-B OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING

1 DEFINITIONS TO READ:

2 SECTION 1301-B. DEFINITIONS.

3 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE
4 SHALL HAVE THE MEANING GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
5 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

6 "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-GENERATED OR MODIFIED MEDIA." AS
7 DEFINED IN SECTION 1303.1-A(E).

8 * * *

9 "CYBERBULLYING." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1303.1-A(E).

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11 SECTION 14. SECTION 1306-B(H) (4) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY
12 ADDING A SUBPARAGRAPH AND THE SUBSECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
13 PARAGRAPH TO READ:

14 SECTION 1306-B. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

15 * * *

16 (H) SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY FUND.--

17 * * *

18 (4) THE FUND MAY ONLY BE USED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAMS
19 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND NO MONEY IN THE FUND MAY BE
20 TRANSFERRED OR DIVERTED TO ANY OTHER PURPOSE BY
21 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, EXCEPT THAT THE COMMITTEE:

22 * * *

23 (III) MAY AUTHORIZE THE USE OF UP TO \$8,300,000 OF
24 UNEXPENDED, UNCOMMITTED OR UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND
25 TO ACCOMPLISH THE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS
26 ARTICLE RELATED TO THE TRAINING OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES,
27 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATORS, THREAT
28 ASSESSMENT TEAMS AND SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND
29 PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS.

30 * * *

1 (15) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, DURING
2 THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR, MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED AS
3 FOLLOWS:

4 (I) ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE
5 PERCENT OF ANY MONEY IN THE FUND THAT IS UNEXPENDED,
6 UNCOMMITTED OR UNENCUMBERED FROM PRIOR YEARS SHALL BE
7 USED FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS UNDER
8 SECTION 1314.3-B.

9 (II) TWENTY MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
10 SHALL BE USED FOR TARGETED SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS UNDER
11 SECTION 1306.1-B.

12 * * *

13 SECTION 15. SECTION 1309-B(C) (2) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO
14 READ:

15 SECTION 1309-B. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR.

16 * * *

17 (C) SPECIFIC DUTIES.--THE SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY
18 COORDINATOR SHALL:

19 * * *

20 (2) COORDINATE TRAINING AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND
21 SCHOOL ENTITY STAFF IN MATTERS RELATING TO SITUATIONAL
22 AWARENESS, TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
23 AWARENESS, SUICIDE [AND] AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, BULLYING
24 AND CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE
25 AWARENESS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND TRAINING DRILLS,
26 INCLUDING FIRE, NATURAL DISASTER, ACTIVE SHOOTER, HOSTAGE
27 SITUATION AND BOMB THREAT.

28 * * *

29 SECTION 16. SECTION 1310-B(A) (1) (IV) AND (B) OF THE ACT ARE
30 AMENDED, SUBSECTION (A) (1) IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBPARAGRAPH

1 AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

2 SECTION 1310-B. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY TRAINING.

3 (A) SCHOOL ENTITY DUTIES.--SCHOOL ENTITIES, IN CONSULTATION
4 WITH THE SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR, SHALL PROVIDE
5 THEIR EMPLOYEES WITH MANDATORY TRAINING ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND
6 SECURITY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE
7 SCHOOL ENTITY:

8 (1) TRAINING SHALL ADDRESS ANY COMBINATION OF ONE OR
9 MORE OF THE FOLLOWING, BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL
10 ENTITY:

11 * * *

12 (IV) SUICIDE [~~AND BULLYING AWARENESS~~] AWARENESS AND
13 PREVENTION.

14 * * *

15 (VIII) BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS AND
16 PREVENTION.

17 * * *

18 (B) COMMITTEE DUTIES.--~~[NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2022,~~
19 ~~THE]~~ THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR
20 TRAINING OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES FOR EACH OF THE TRAINING TOPICS
21 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1) AND (1.1). THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE THE
22 STANDARDS ADOPTED AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL ENTITIES AND PROVIDE
23 GEOGRAPHICALLY DISBURSED TRAINING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AT NO COST
24 THAT MEETS THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE
25 MAY APPROVE GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS OR OTHER ENTITIES TO PROVIDE
26 THE TRAINING.

27 (B.1) STANDARDS.--NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2026, OR 180
28 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHICHEVER IS
29 LATER, THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT MINIMUM STANDARDS
30 FOR THE TRAINING OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1) (IV)

1 AND (VIII).

2 * * *

3 SECTION 17. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
4 SECTION 1314.3-B. SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS FOR
5 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

6 (A) FUNDING.--FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, THE MONEY UNDER
7 SECTION 1306-B(H) (15) (I) SHALL BE USED BY THE COMMITTEE TO AWARD
8 SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS TO SCHOOL ENTITIES IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

10 (B) PURPOSE OF GRANTS.--

11 (1) A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOOL SAFETY
12 AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS TO MEET THE LEVEL 1 BASELINE
13 CRITERIA FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
14 SCHOOL CLIMATE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE.

15 (2) IF A SCHOOL ENTITY HAS MET THE LEVEL 1 BASELINE
16 CRITERIA FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY, THE SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE
17 ELIGIBLE TO EXPEND FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN SECTION
18 1306-B(J) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (11), (12),
19 (13), (14), (16), (18), (22), (23), (32) AND (33).

20 (3) IF A SCHOOL ENTITY HAS MET THE LEVEL 1 BASELINE
21 CRITERIA FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SCHOOL CLIMATE, THE SCHOOL
22 ENTITY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO EXPEND FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES
23 OUTLINED IN SECTION 1306-B(J) (6), (10), (15), (17), (19),
24 (20), (21), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30)
25 AND (31).

26 (C) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.--THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD SCHOOL
27 SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS TO EACH SCHOOL ENTITY THAT
28 SUBMITS AN APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

29 (1) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL RECEIVE:

30 (I) \$100,000; AND

1 (II) THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3).

2 (2) AN INTERMEDIATE UNIT, AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL
3 SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL AND CYBER
4 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE \$70,000.

5 (3) AN AMOUNT DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

6 (I) MULTIPLY THE 2024-2025 ADJUSTED AVERAGE DAILY
7 MEMBERSHIP FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BY THE DIFFERENCE
8 BETWEEN THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED IN SUBSECTION (A) AND THE
9 SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND
10 (2).

11 (II) DIVIDE THE PRODUCT FROM SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY THE
12 2024-2025 ADJUSTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL
13 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

14 (D) AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS.--THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE
15 AN APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL
16 ENTITIES NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
17 SUBSECTION. THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE
18 SCHOOL ENTITY'S CONTACT INFORMATION, THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE
19 GRANT BASED UPON THE CATEGORIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B),
20 WITH BOXES ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE APPLICANT TO INDICATE THE
21 SCHOOL ENTITY'S ANTICIPATED USE AND CERTIFICATION BY THE
22 APPLICANT THAT THE MONEY WILL BE USED FOR THE STATED PURPOSE.

23 (E) EFFECT OF REVENUE RECEIVED.--GRANT MONEY RECEIVED UNDER
24 THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE INCLUDED WHEN CALCULATING THE AMOUNT TO
25 BE PAID UNDER SECTION 1725-A.

26 (F) AUDIT AND MONITORING.--THE COMMITTEE SHALL RANDOMLY
27 AUDIT AND MONITOR GRANT RECIPIENTS TO ENSURE THE APPROPRIATE USE
28 OF GRANT MONEY AND COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE GRANT
29 PROGRAM.

30 (G) DEFINITION.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SCHOOL

1 ENTITY" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL
2 SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER
3 SCHOOL AND CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL.

4 SECTION 18. SECTION 1316-B(A) (9) AND (B) (1) OF THE ACT ARE
5 AMENDED, SUBSECTION (A) IS AMENDED BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH AND THE
6 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

7 SECTION 1316-B. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR
8 TRAINING.

9 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, THE
10 COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP REQUIRED TRAINING CRITERIA FOR A SCHOOL
11 SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR. AT A MINIMUM, THE TRAINING
12 SHALL INCLUDE:

13 * * *

14 (9) SUICIDE [AND BULLYING AWARENESS] AWARENESS AND
15 PREVENTION.

16 * * *

17 (12) BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS AND
18 PREVENTION.

19 (A.1) TRAINING CRITERIA.--NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2026,
20 OR 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION,
21 WHICHEVER IS LATER, THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP REQUIRED
22 TRAINING CRITERIA FOR A SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR
23 RELATED TO TOPICS UNDER SECTION (A) (9) AND (12).

24 (B) REQUIRED TRAINING.--

25 (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT THE REQUIRED TRAINING
26 HOURS FOR THE TRAINING DEVELOPED UNDER [SUBSECTION (A)]
27 SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (A.1). THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT REQUIRE MORE
28 THAN SEVEN HOURS OF TRAINING FOR THE SCHOOL SAFETY AND
29 SECURITY COORDINATOR ANNUALLY. THE TRAINING SHALL BE IN
30 ADDITION TO OTHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATORS.

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SECTION 19. SECTION 1319-B(B) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH, (3),
(7) (I) AND (8) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 1319-B. REPORTING AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

* * *

(B) REPORTING BY CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.--A CHIEF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATOR SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31 OF EACH
YEAR ALL NEW INCIDENTS INVOLVING ACTS OF VIOLENCE, POSSESSION OF
A WEAPON OR POSSESSION, USE OR SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AS
DEFINED IN THE ACT OF APRIL 14, 1972 (P.L.233, NO.64), KNOWN AS
THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC ACT, OR
POSSESSION, USE OR SALE OF ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO BY ANY PERSON ON
SCHOOL PROPERTY. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE ALL INCIDENTS
INVOLVING CONDUCT THAT CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL OFFENSE LISTED
UNDER PARAGRAPHS (7) AND (8). THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE TOTAL
NUMBER OF INCIDENTS THAT WERE DETERMINED TO BE BULLYING OR
CYBERBULLYING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1303.1-A DURING THE
SCHOOL YEAR, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF CYBERBULLYING INCIDENTS
SUSPECTED TO INVOLVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-GENERATED OR
MODIFIED MEDIA. REPORTS, ON A FORM TO BE DEVELOPED AND PROVIDED
BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE
COMMITTEE, SHALL INCLUDE:

* * *

(3) THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT,
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE TYPE OF WEAPON, CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE, ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO, THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF
THE INCIDENT, INCLUDING IF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ONLINE OR
INVOLVED THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-GENERATED OR
MODIFIED MEDIA, IF A PERSON OTHER THAN A STUDENT IS INVOLVED

1 IN THE INCIDENT AND ANY RELATIONSHIP OF THE PERSON TO THE
2 SCHOOL ENTITY.

3 * * *

4 (7) A LIST OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES WHICH MAY, AT A MINIMUM,
5 INCLUDE:

6 (I) THE FOLLOWING OFFENSES UNDER 18 PA.C.S.
7 (RELATING TO CRIMES AND OFFENSES):

8 SECTION 908 (RELATING TO PROHIBITED OFFENSIVE
9 WEAPONS).

10 SECTION 912 (RELATING TO POSSESSION OF WEAPON ON
11 SCHOOL PROPERTY).

12 CHAPTER 25 (RELATING TO CRIMINAL HOMICIDE).

13 SECTION 2702 (RELATING TO AGGRAVATED ASSAULT).

14 SECTION 2709.1 (RELATING TO STALKING).

15 SECTION 2901 (RELATING TO KIDNAPPING).

16 SECTION 2902 (RELATING TO UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT).

17 SECTION 3121 (RELATING TO RAPE).

18 SECTION 3122.1 (RELATING TO STATUTORY SEXUAL
19 ASSAULT).

20 SECTION 3123 (RELATING TO INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL
21 INTERCOURSE).

22 SECTION 3124.1 (RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT).

23 SECTION 3124.2 (RELATING TO INSTITUTIONAL SEXUAL
24 ASSAULT).

25 SECTION 3125 (RELATING TO AGGRAVATED INDECENT
26 ASSAULT).

27 SECTION 3126 (RELATING TO INDECENT ASSAULT).

28 SECTION 3301 (RELATING TO ARSON AND RELATED
29 OFFENSES).

30 SECTION 3307 (RELATING TO INSTITUTIONAL VANDALISM)

1 WHEN THE OFFENSE IS A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE.

2 SECTION 3502 (RELATING TO BURGLARY).

3 SECTION 3503(A) AND (B) (1) (V) (RELATING TO CRIMINAL
4 TRESPASS).

5 SECTION 5501 (RELATING TO RIOT).

6 SECTION 6110.1 (RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY
7 MINOR).

8 SECTION 6312 (RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN).

9 * * *

10 (8) THE FOLLOWING OFFENSES UNDER 18 PA.C.S. AND ANY
11 ATTEMPT, SOLICITATION OR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ANY OF THESE
12 OFFENSES:

13 SECTION 2701 (RELATING TO SIMPLE ASSAULT).

14 SECTION 2705 (RELATING TO RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER
15 PERSON).

16 SECTION 2706 (RELATING TO TERRORISTIC THREATS).

17 SECTION 2709 (RELATING TO HARASSMENT).

18 SECTION 3127 (RELATING TO INDECENT EXPOSURE).

19 SECTION 3131 (RELATING TO UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF
20 INTIMATE IMAGE).

21 SECTION 3307 WHEN THE OFFENSE IS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE
22 SECOND DEGREE.

23 SECTION 3503(B) (1) (I), (II), (III) AND (IV), (B.1) AND
24 (B.2).

25 CHAPTER 39 (RELATING TO THEFT AND RELATED OFFENSES).

26 SECTION 4101.1 (RELATING TO DIGITAL FORGERY).

27 SECTION 5502 (RELATING TO FAILURE OF DISORDERLY PERSONS
28 TO DISPERSE UPON OFFICIAL ORDER).

29 SECTION 5503 (RELATING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT).

30 SECTION 6305 (RELATING TO SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS).

SECTION 6306.1 (RELATING TO USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS PROHIBITED).

SECTION 6308 (RELATING TO PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUOR OR MALT OR BREWED BEVERAGES).

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SECTION 20. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
SECTION 1322-B. SCHOOL MAPPING SERVICES.

(A) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.--A CONTRACT FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND ENTERED INTO BETWEEN A SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND A PROVIDER OF SCHOOL MAPPING SERVICES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(1) MAPS MUST BE IN FORMATS THAT INTEGRATE WITH AND ARE VIEWABLE WITHIN SOFTWARE PLATFORMS USED IN FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL WITHOUT REQUIRING THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE OR PAYMENT OF FEES TO ACCESS THE DATA. PROVIDERS OF SCHOOL MAPPING SERVICES MUST PROVIDE THE MAPS TO AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AT NO COST, WITH AUTHORIZATION BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

(2) MAPS MUST BE IN FORMATS CAPABLE OF BEING PRINTED, SHARED ELECTRONICALLY AND, IF REQUESTED, DIGITALLY INTEGRATED INTO INTERACTIVE MOBILE PLATFORMS IN USE.

(3) MAPS MUST BE VIEWABLE AND PRINTABLE FROM OPEN-SOURCE DOCUMENT OR IMAGE VIEWERS.

(4) MAPS MUST BE ORIENTED TO TRUE NORTH AND INCLUDE A FIXED GRID WITH CONSISTENT "X" AND "Y" COORDINATES.

(5) MAPS MUST HAVE BEEN PRODUCED FROM DATA VERIFIED FOR

1 ACCURACY THROUGH AN ON-SITE WALK-THROUGH OF THE SCHOOL
2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPICTED ON THE MAPS BY THE ENTITY
3 PRODUCING THE DATA.

4 (6) MAPS MUST INCLUDE ACCURATE FLOOR PLANS OVERLAID ON
5 CURRENT, VERIFIED AERIAL IMAGERY OF THE SCHOOL CAMPUS.

6 (7) MAPS AND FLOOR PLANS MUST INCLUDE SITE-SPECIFIC
7 LABELING FOR SCHOOL STRUCTURES, SUCH AS ROOM NAMES, AND/OR
8 DESIGNATED NUMBERS, HALLWAY DESIGNATIONS, EXTERIOR DOOR
9 NUMBERS, STAIRWELL NUMBERS AND THE LOCATIONS OF HAZARDS,
10 CRITICAL UTILITY CONTROLS, CHEMICAL STORAGE AND LABS, WOOD OR
11 METAL WORKING SHOPS, KEY BOXES, AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
12 DEFIBRILLATORS AND TRAUMA KITS, AND SCHOOL GROUNDS, INCLUDING
13 PARKING AREAS, EQUIPMENT SHEDS, OUTBUILDINGS, ATHLETIC
14 FIELDS, SURROUNDING ROADS AND NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES.

15 (8) MAPS MUST BE CREATED, STORED AND MAINTAINED
16 EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION
17 OF THE MAPPING PROCESS AND DURATION OF THE TERM OF THE
18 CONTRACT TO ENSURE SECURITY OF THE DATA. THE PROVIDER SHALL
19 MAINTAIN AND STORE ALL MAPPING DATA SECURELY AND USE
20 APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES TO REASONABLY PROTECT THE
21 TRANSMISSION OF DATA. IN THE CASE OF A BREACH OF THE SECURITY
22 OF THE MAPPING DATA, THE PROVIDER SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY
23 THE SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT
24 AGENCY THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH ACCESS TO OR COPIES OF THE
25 MAPPING DATA THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE DATA BREACH.

26 (B) CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT
27 AGENCIES.--A SCHOOL ENTITY SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
28 SECTION 1319-B SHALL CONSULT AND RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM
29 EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH WHOM THE SCHOOL ENTITY HAS A
30 SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A

CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL MAPPING SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT THE DATA USED UNDER THE CONTRACT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL ENTITY NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION 1319-B SHALL CONSULT AND RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH PRIMARY JURISDICTION OVER THE SCHOOL TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(C) CONFIDENTIALITY.--MAPS OF SCHOOL ENTITIES AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE DATA USED TO DEVELOP THE MAPS, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD BE REASONABLY LIKELY TO RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL AND DEMONSTRABLE RISK OF PHYSICAL HARM OR THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF STUDENTS OR STAFF, SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND DUPLICATION UNDER THE ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008 (P.L.6, NO.3), KNOWN AS THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW.

(D) APPLICABILITY.--THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(E) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

"NONPUBLIC SCHOOL." A SCHOOL, OTHER THAN A PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH, IN WHICH A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH MAY LEGALLY FULFILL THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT AND THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (PUBLIC LAW 88-352, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 ET. SEQ.).

"SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT, AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL AND REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL.

"SCHOOL MAPPING SERVICES." SERVICES THAT CREATE DETAILED MAPPING DATA OF SCHOOL CAMPUSES TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

1 AND COORDINATION, AND WHICH DATA IS CREATED IN FILE FORMATS THAT
2 INTEGRATE INTO THE SOFTWARE SYSTEMS IN USE BY PUBLIC SAFETY
3 AGENCIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE USE BY PUBLIC
4 SAFETY AGENCIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO LOCATE ROOM
5 NUMBERS, EXITS AND UTILITY AREAS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

6 SECTION 21. SECTION 1402(A) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED AND THE
7 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

8 SECTION 1402. HEALTH SERVICES.--(A) EACH CHILD OF SCHOOL
9 AGE SHALL BE GIVEN BY METHODS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADVISORY HEALTH
10 BOARD, (1) A HEARING TEST BY A SCHOOL NURSE OR MEDICAL
11 TECHNICIAN, (2) A MEASUREMENT OF HEIGHT AND WEIGHT BY A SCHOOL
12 NURSE OR [TEACHER] OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER, WHO SHALL
13 COLLECT THAT INFORMATION IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS STUDENT
14 CONFIDENTIALITY AND SHALL USE THE MEASUREMENT TO [COMPUTE] TRACK
15 A CHILD'S [WEIGHT-FOR-HEIGHT RATIO] GROWTH PATTERN UNDER 28 PA.
16 CODE § 23.7 (RELATING TO HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS), (3)
17 TESTS FOR TUBERCULOSIS UNDER MEDICAL SUPERVISION, AND (4) SUCH
18 OTHER TESTS AS THE ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD MAY DEEM ADVISABLE TO
19 PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD.

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21 (A.3) A STUDENT SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM MEASUREMENT OF HEIGHT
22 AND WEIGHT IF THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUESTS AN
23 EXEMPTION IN WRITING. A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION
24 TO A STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN REGARDING THE PROCEDURE
25 TO REQUEST AN EXEMPTION.

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27 SECTION 22. SECTION 1408 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

28 SECTION 1408. REPORTS.--[EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
29 COMMONWEALTH OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS JOINTLY] (A) SCHOOL ENTITIES,
30 SCHOOL PHYSICIANS, SCHOOL DENTISTS AND SCHOOL NURSES, SHALL FILE

1 WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH [AND/OR] AND THE [SUPERINTENDENT OF
2 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION] SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SUCH REPORTS AS
3 REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS OF THE TWO DEPARTMENTS.

4 (B) HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS SHALL BE CALCULATED INTO
5 A BODY MASS INDEX BY A SCHOOL NURSE OR OTHER TRAINED HEALTH CARE
6 PRACTITIONER EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL ENTITY SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE
7 OF REPORTING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY NOT
8 DELIVER A STUDENT'S BODY MASS INDEX TO EITHER THE STUDENT OR THE
9 STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE
10 PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IN WRITING. A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL
11 REPORT THE RECORDED HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS AND BODY MASS
12 INDEX CALCULATION TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH IN A MANNER THAT
13 PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE STUDENT'S INFORMATION.

14 (C) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SCHOOL ENTITY"
15 SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING GIVEN TO IT IN SECTION 1402(G).

16 SECTION 23. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO READ:

17 SECTION 1426. EATING DISORDER AWARENESS AND EDUCATION.--(A)
18 A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL ANNUALLY MAKE AVAILABLE EDUCATIONAL
19 INFORMATION AND MATERIALS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20 SUBSECTION (B) REGARDING EATING DISORDER AWARENESS AND EDUCATION
21 FOR PUPILS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS
22 AND KEY SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S PUBLICLY
23 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

24 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT, SHALL:

26 (1) DEVELOP THE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS
27 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A); AND

28 (2) DISSEMINATE THE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS TO
29 SCHOOL ENTITIES.

30 (C) THE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS SHALL:

1 (1) BE DEVELOPED WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
2 FROM THE EATING DISORDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER
3 THIS SECTION.

4 (2) BE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
5 INTERNET WEBSITE IN A VARIETY OF LANGUAGES.

6 (3) EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF EATING DISORDER PREVENTION
7 EDUCATION AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL ENTITIES AND KEY
8 SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

9 (4) LIST THE WARNING SIGNS, RISK FACTORS AND RESOURCES ABOUT
10 EATING DISORDERS.

11 (5) BE UPDATED AT LEAST EVERY FIVE YEARS.

12 (D) THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH
13 THE EATING DISORDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS
14 TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONCERNING EATING
15 DISORDER AWARENESS AND EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE TYPES AND
16 WARNING SIGNS OF EATING DISORDERS, WEIGHT AND BODY IMAGE
17 DISORDER, EXCESSIVE COMPULSIVE EXERCISE AND ORTHOREXIA NERVOSA.
18 THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

19 (1) A DESIGNEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL COUNSELORS
20 ASSOCIATION.

21 (2) A DESIGNEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
22 SOCIAL WORK PERSONNEL.

23 (3) A DESIGNEE OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR EATING
24 DISORDERS.

25 (4) A DESIGNEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA
26 PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL NURSES.

27 (5) A DESIGNEE REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
28 PSYCHOLOGISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

29 (6) A DESIGNEE REPRESENTING SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS OR
30 PUPIL SERVICES DIRECTORS.

1 (7) A DESIGNEE REPRESENTING COMMUNITY AGENCIES SPECIALIZING
2 IN EATING DISORDER RECOVERY AND TREATMENT CENTERS IN THIS
3 COMMONWEALTH.

4 (8) A DESIGNEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN
5 ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS.

6 (9) A DESIGNEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF FAMILY
7 PHYSICIANS.

8 (10) A DESIGNEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EATING
9 DISORDERS PROFESSIONALS FOUNDATION AND THE ACADEMY FOR EATING
10 DISORDERS.

11 (E) MEMBERS OF THE EATING DISORDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL
12 SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

13 (F) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS
14 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION AND MEET AT LEAST
15 TWO TIMES IN THE FIRST YEAR. DURING SUBSEQUENT YEARS, THE
16 COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS TO RE-
17 ASSESS THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO SCHOOL ENTITIES AND PARENTS.

18 (G) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
19 DEPARTMENT, MAY IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE ADDITIONS OR
20 REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL HEALTH REGULATIONS AND MATERIALS RELATED
21 TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARENTAL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ON EATING
22 DISORDERS.

23 (H) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO:

24 (1) REQUIRE A SCHOOL ENTITY TO INCUR ANY COST OR PRINT, MAIL
25 OR CREATE ANY MATERIALS; OR

26 (2) PREVENT A SCHOOL ENTITY FROM EXCEEDING THE REQUIREMENTS
27 OF THIS SECTION.

28 (I) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
29 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
30 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

1 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
2 COMMONWEALTH.

3 "KEY SCHOOL PERSONNEL." INCLUDES SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, VICE
4 PRINCIPALS, SCHOOL NURSES, SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND SCHOOL
5 PSYCHOLOGISTS.

6 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA CAREER AND
7 TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL
8 CHARTER SCHOOL OR INTERMEDIATE UNIT.

9 SECTION 1504.1. USE OF FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTING LATER SCHOOL
10 START TIMES.--(A) TO OFFSET COSTS RELATED TO PLANNING,
11 IMPLEMENTING OR OPERATING A LATER SCHOOL START TIME, A SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT MAY USE MONEY FROM APPROPRIATIONS RECEIVED UNDER
13 SECTIONS 2502.56, 2509.3, 2509.5, 2541 AND 2599.7, AS WELL AS
14 ANY UNRESERVED OR UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE THAT IS AVAILABLE.

15 (B) BEFORE ADOPTING A LATER SCHOOL START TIME, A SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT SHALL POST ITS PROPOSAL ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
17 INTERNET WEBSITE AND SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED
18 CHANGE AT TWO ADVERTISED PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
19 DIRECTORS.

20 (C) UPON ADOPTING A LATER SCHOOL START TIME, THE SCHOOL
21 DISTRICT SHALL REPORT THE NEW START TIME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 EDUCATION AND PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH
23 ACCOUNTING OF THE MONEY USED UNDER THIS SECTION TO IMPLEMENT THE
24 CHANGE.

25 SECTION 24. SECTION 1506(E) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED AND THE
26 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

27 SECTION 1506. FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS.--* * *

28 [(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE AN ANNUAL SURVEY RELATED TO
29 THE EFFICACY OF FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS ON OR BEFORE APRIL
30 30 OF EACH YEAR TO EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY WITH AN ACCEPTED

1 APPLICATION. EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL RETURN THE SURVEY
2 TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JUNE 30 OF THE SAME YEAR.]

3 (E.1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR AND FOR EACH
4 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, A PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT THE
5 FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EACH SCHOOL BUILDING
6 WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY:

7 (1) THE NUMBER OF FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS USED.

8 (2) THE NUMBER OF REMOTE AND VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS USED
9 BY AN ENTIRE SCHOOL BUILDING THAT WERE NOT APPROVED FLEXIBLE
10 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS.

11 (3) WHETHER EACH FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY OR REMOTE AND
12 VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL DAY USED BY AN ENTIRE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS
13 A FULL DAY OR A HALF DAY.

14 (4) THE REASON FOR EACH FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY OR REMOTE
15 AND VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL DAY USED BY AN ENTIRE SCHOOL BUILDING.

16 (5) LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR REMOTE AND VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL
17 DAYS.

18 (6) ANY OTHER INFORMATION DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY.

19 (E.2) THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E.1) SHALL
20 BE SUBMITTED IN A FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT
21 BY JULY 31, 2027, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FOR THE IMMEDIATELY
22 PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO
23 THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION
24 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY
25 CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES BY OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

27 (E.3) PRIOR TO FINALIZING ITS ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR A SCHOOL
28 YEAR, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL DISCUSS THE USE OR
29 POTENTIAL USE OF FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AND REMOTE OR
30 VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS THAT APPLY TO ENTIRE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

1 FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR AT AN OPEN MEETING UNDER 65 PA.C.S. CH. 7
2 (RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS).

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4 SECTION 25. SECTION 1512.1 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

5 SECTION 1512.1. PHYSICAL EDUCATION.--[THE] (A) EXCEPT AS
6 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B), THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN
7 EVERY SCHOOL [DISTRICT] ENTITY SHALL ESTABLISH A CURRICULUM
8 ALIGNED WITH PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC STANDARDS ON HEALTH, SAFETY
9 AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION THAT PURSUANT TO 22 PA. CODE § 4.27
10 (RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS), REQUIRES PUPILS
11 ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

12 (B) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION ON
13 PERSONAL HEALTH, NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL FITNESS:

14 (1) THE CALCULATION OF BODY MASS INDEX SHALL BE PROHIBITED.

15 (2) ANY INSTRUCTION THAT REQUIRES THE COLLECTION OF A
16 STUDENT'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENT INFORMATION SHALL BE
17 CONDUCTED IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY.

18 (C) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SCHOOL ENTITY" MEANS
19 A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT, AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL
20 SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL AND REGIONAL
21 CHARTER SCHOOL.

22 SECTION 26. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

23 SECTION 1512.2. RECESS PERIODS.--(A) A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL
24 PROVIDE AT LEAST THIRTY MINUTES OF RECESS DURING EACH SCHOOL DAY
25 IN FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE FIVE AND AT LEAST FIFTEEN
26 MINUTES OF RECESS DURING EACH SCHOOL DAY IN HALF-DAY
27 KINDERGARTEN, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

28 (1) A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY NOT REDUCE A STUDENT'S LUNCH TIME IN
29 ORDER TO PROVIDE RECESS UNDER THIS SECTION.

30 (2) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT

THE ABILITY OF A SCHOOL ENTITY OR ITS EMPLOYEES TO WITHHOLD, IN
WHOLE OR IN PART, RECESS AS A DISCIPLINARY MEASURE FOR
VIOLATIONS OF THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT
ESTABLISHED UNDER 22 PA. CODE § 12.3(C) (RELATING TO SCHOOL
RULES) OR OTHER SCHOOL ENTITY POLICIES OR CLASSROOM RULES.

(3) A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY NOT REDUCE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IN
SUBJECTS THAT ARE NOT ASSESSED BY A STATE ASSESSMENT AS DEFINED
IN SECTION 1502-I IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RECESS, UNLESS
INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IS ALSO PROPORTIONALLY REDUCED IN SUBJECTS
ASSESSED BY A STATE ASSESSMENT.

(4) A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY ADJUST AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF
RECESS TIME REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE STARTING TIME OR
DISMISSAL TIME OF A SCHOOL DAY IS DELAYED OR ADJUSTED FROM
NORMAL TIMES.

(5) WHEN POSSIBLE, RECESS SHALL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE AND
SHALL NOT INVOLVE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

"KINDERGARTEN" MEANS A ONE-YEAR FORMAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
THAT OCCURS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO FIRST
GRADE.

"RECESS" MEANS A PERIOD OF TIME DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY
DURING WHICH A STUDENT IS GIVEN A BREAK FROM STRUCTURED
CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY, UNSTRUCTURED PLAY OR SOCIAL INTERACTION WITH OTHER
STUDENTS. THE TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE LUNCH TIME OR A PERIOD OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 1512.1.

"SCHOOL ENTITY" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT,
AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL OR REGIONAL

1 CHARTER SCHOOL.

2 SECTION 27. SECTION 1551(A)(1) AND (2) INTRODUCTORY
3 PARAGRAPH, (C), (D) AND (F) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED AND
4 SUBSECTION (B.1) IS AMENDED BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

5 SECTION 1551. ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL
6 LITERACY PROGRAMS.--(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE POWER AND
7 ITS DUTY SHALL BE TO:

8 (1) PROVIDE RESOURCE INFORMATION ON ECONOMICS, ECONOMIC
9 EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY TO EDUCATORS AND
10 PUBLIC AND [PRIVATE] NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS. THE
11 DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE ITS EXISTING RESOURCE
12 INFORMATION FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW OF THE STATE
13 STANDARDS UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S STANDARDS UNDER
14 PARAGRAPH (2)(II).

15 (2) PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING THROUGH THE
16 DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET WEBSITE, TO SCHOOL ENTITIES AND [PRIVATE,]
17 NONPUBLIC, ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH,
18 OF MODEL CURRICULUM MATERIALS AND OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES,
19 INCLUDING ECONOMIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS, ON ECONOMIC
20 EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY, INCLUDING THE BASIC
21 PRINCIPLE INVOLVED WITH EARNING, SPENDING, SAVING AND INVESTING
22 MONEY. THE MODEL CURRICULUM MATERIALS SHALL ALIGN WITH AND
23 COMPLEMENT EXISTING STATE STANDARDS FOR PERSONAL FINANCIAL
24 LITERACY AS SET FORTH IN 22 PA. CODE CH. 4 (RELATING TO ACADEMIC
25 STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT). THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

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27 (B.1) * * *

28 (5.1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS IN THIS SECTION,
29 A RIGOROUS COURSE OF STUDY THAT INCLUDES A TARGETED FOCUS ON
30 PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY CONTENT AND IS EMBEDDED WITHIN A

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, MATHEMATICS, SOCIAL STUDIES, CAREER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION OR OTHER RELATED COURSE SHALL SATISFY THE
REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
THE TERM "RIGOROUS COURSE OF STUDY" MEANS AN ACADEMICALLY
RIGOROUS COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSE, INCLUDING ADVANCED PLACEMENT,
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL, DUAL
CREDIT OR A CONCENTRATED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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[(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON
ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION
WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF NINE (9) MEMBERS
APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY
OF BANKING, REPRESENTING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, FINANCE OR
ECONOMICS TEACHERS, SCHOOL BOARDS, STUDENTS, BUSINESS LEADERS,
FACULTY FROM THIS COMMONWEALTH'S INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION HAVING A BACKGROUND IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONAL
FINANCIAL LITERACY AND OTHER GROUPS WITH EXPERTISE IN FINANCIAL
LITERACY EDUCATION. THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT ONE (1) OF ITS
MEMBERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON.

(3) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(I) ASSESS THE TRENDS AND NEEDS IN ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND
PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY.

(II) CONSIDER THE MANNER IN WHICH ANY FUNDS ARE USED TO
SUPPORT ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY
ACTIVITIES.

(III) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY REGARDING LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY CHANGES TO IMPROVE
ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY, PURSUANT TO
THE PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE REPORT REQUIRED BY

1 SUBSECTION (D) .

2 (D) THE SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARY OF BANKING SHALL JOINTLY
3 PREPARE AND SUBMIT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TASK FORCE, A
4 BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE
5 STATUS OF ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY
6 PROGRAMS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH. IN ADDITION TO THE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) (3) (III),
8 THE REPORT SHALL OUTLINE ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND PERSONAL
9 FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, HIGHLIGHT NEW
10 INITIATIVES AND RECOMMEND FUTURE PROGRAM NEEDS.]

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12 (F) THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS
13 SECTION SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS
14 SUBSECTION:

15 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
16 COMMONWEALTH.

17 "EDUCATOR." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1.2 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER
18 12, 1973 (P.L.397, NO.141), KNOWN AS THE "EDUCATOR DISCIPLINE
19 ACT."

20 "NONPUBLIC SCHOOL." A [NONPROFIT] SCHOOL, OTHER THAN A
21 PUBLIC SCHOOL, WHERE A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH MAY LEGALLY
22 FULFILL THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
23 ACT AND [WHICH MEET] THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF [42 U.S.C.
24 CH. 21 SUBCH. V (RELATING TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS).]
25 TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (PUBLIC LAW 88-352, 78
26 STAT. 241).

27 "PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY." THE INTEGRATION OF VARIOUS
28 FACTORS RELATING TO PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING
29 UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, USING MONEY, LEARNING TO
30 MANAGE PERSONAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, CREATING BUDGETS AND ANY

1 OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY ASSIST AN INDIVIDUAL IN THIS COMMONWEALTH
2 TO BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE.

3 "PLANNING PERIOD." A PERIOD OF TIME DURING A SCHOOL DAY
4 WHICH AN EDUCATOR MAY USE FOR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES, INCLUDING
5 INSTRUCTIONAL PREPARATION AND PLANNING, COMMUNICATIONS WITH
6 PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS AND EVALUATING STUDENT
7 WORK.

8 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER
9 CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR
10 AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

11 "SECRETARY." THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

12 SECTION 28. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

13 SECTION 1556. SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY EDUCATION.--(A) THE
14 STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE
15 WITH 22 PA. CODE CH. 4 (RELATING TO ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND
16 ASSESSMENT) SHALL INCLUDE:

17 (1) THE EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE DEVICE USAGE ON
18 STUDENTS, INCLUDING POTENTIAL MENTAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL
19 IMPACTS.

20 (2) THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE DEVICE
21 USAGE ON ACADEMIC GROWTH AND LEARNING.

22 (3) HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA SAFELY, INCLUDING HOW TO
23 IDENTIFY SUSPICIOUS ONLINE BEHAVIOR SUCH AS CYBERBULLYING,
24 PREDATORY BEHAVIOR AND POTENTIAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

25 (4) HOW TO MAINTAIN PERSONAL SECURITY ON MOBILE DEVICES.

26 (B) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

27 (1) MAY REVIEW THE EXISTING STATE STANDARDS FOR HEALTH,
28 SAFETY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AS SPECIFIED IN 22 PA. CODE CH. 4
29 TO REVISE THE STANDARDS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS
30 OF THIS SECTION; AND

1 (2) SHALL CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE JOINT
2 STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION IN
3 THE DIGITAL AGE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) WHEN DEVELOPING THE
4 STANDARDS UNDER SUBSECTION (A).

5 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

6 (1) DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL ENTITIES AND
7 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS MATERIALS ON SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY.

8 (2) MAKE AVAILABLE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY PROGRAMMING IN THE
9 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION HOURS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE
10 WITH SECTION 1205.2(F).

11 (3) CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT STATE
12 GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION IN THE
13 DIGITAL AGE UNDER SUBSECTION (D).

14 (D) THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S TASK FORCE ON
15 CHILD PROTECTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE ESTABLISHED UNDER SENATE
16 RESOLUTION 244 OF 2026 SHALL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
17 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NO
18 LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2026. THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL ADDRESS
19 THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) (1), (2), (3) AND (4),
20 AS WELL AS ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS THAT THE TASK FORCE CONSIDERS
21 IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS CAN CRITICALLY EVALUATE,
22 ETHICALLY CREATE, RESPONSIBLY SHARE AND SAFELY ACCESS AND USE
23 INFORMATION ACROSS DIGITAL PLATFORMS.

24 (E) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL SUPERSEDE OR PREEMPT ANY
25 PROVISION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN A SCHOOL
26 ENTITY AND AN EMPLOYE ORGANIZATION.

27 (F) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
28 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
29 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

30 "DEPARTMENT" SHALL MEAN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE

1 COMMONWEALTH.

2 "NONPUBLIC SCHOOL" SHALL MEAN A SCHOOL, OTHER THAN A PUBLIC
3 SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH, IN WHICH A RESIDENT OF
4 THIS COMMONWEALTH MAY LEGALLY FULFILL THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL
5 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT AND THAT MEETS THE
6 REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (PUBLIC
7 LAW 88-352, 78 STAT. 241).

8 "SCHOOL ENTITY" SHALL MEAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE
9 UNIT, AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL
10 CHARTER SCHOOL OR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL.

11 SECTION 29. THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE PROVIDER" IN SECTION
12 1511-D OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

13 SECTION 1511-D. DEFINITIONS.

14 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS SUBARTICLE
15 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
16 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

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18 "ELIGIBLE PROVIDER." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES IF THE
19 ENTITY COMPLIES WITH ALL QUALITY PROGRAM STANDARDS ESTABLISHED
20 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

21 (1) A SCHOOL DISTRICT.

22 (1.1) AN INTERMEDIATE UNIT.

23 (2) A HEAD START PROGRAM.

24 (3) A NURSERY SCHOOL LICENSED UNDER THE ACT OF JANUARY
25 28, 1988 (P.L.24, NO.11), KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE ACADEMIC
26 SCHOOLS ACT.

27 (4) ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

28 (I) PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2009, A CHILD DAY CARE CENTER
29 OR A GROUP DAY CARE HOME THAT HAS MET OR EXCEEDED THE
30 STANDARDS OF STAR 2 UNDER THE KEYSTONE STARS QUALITY

RATING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

(II) AFTER JUNE 30, 2009, A CHILD DAY CARE CENTER OR A GROUP DAY CARE HOME THAT HAS MET OR EXCEEDED THE STANDARDS OF STAR 3 UNDER THE KEYSTONE STARS QUALITY RATING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE. ANY APPROVED PROVIDER UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH WHICH HAS APPLIED FOR A STAR 3 RATING AND WHICH APPLICATION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR REJECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2009, SHALL REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM UNTIL SUCH APPLICATION IS REJECTED.

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SECTION 30. SECTION 1515-D(A) (2) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 1515-D. DUTIES OF APPROVED PROVIDERS.

(A) GENERAL RULE.--AN APPROVED PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES GRANT FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBARTICLE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

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(2) [PLAN TO PROVIDE NO FEWER THAN 180 DAYS OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN OVER THE COURSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.] PROVIDE, OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR, A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION OR 900 HOURS OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION FOR A FULL-DAY PROGRAM OR 450 HOURS OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION FOR A HALF-DAY PROGRAM. A HALF-DAY PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE NO FEWER THAN TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES PER DAY. A FULL-DAY PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE NO FEWER THAN FIVE HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES PER DAY.

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SECTION 31. SECTION 1607(B.3) (4) OF THE ACT, ADDED NOVEMBER

12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), IS AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 1607. ATTENDANCE IN OTHER DISTRICTS.--* * *

(B.3) FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ELIMINATED ITS HIGH SCHOOL UNDER SUBSECTION (B), IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROJECT TEAM WHICH SHALL CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EDUCATIONAL, FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

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(4) THE PROJECT TEAM SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT, INCLUDING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES[.] NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2027. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH AN IDENTIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN EVALUATION OF SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES, BUILDING AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS, GOVERNANCE ISSUES, FINANCIAL IMPACTS AND NECESSARY ENHANCEMENTS TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS.

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SECTION 32. SECTION 1723-A OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

SECTION 1723-A. ENROLLMENT.--* * *

(A.1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, PRIOR TO ENROLLING A STUDENT AFTER THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:

(1) A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CONFIRM WITH THE STUDENT'S PRIOR SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT THE STUDENT IS NOT HABITUALLY TRUANT DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

(2) A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CONTACT THE STUDENT'S PRIOR SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE

1 RECORD AND INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THE STUDENT IS HABITUALLY
2 TRUANT. NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF
3 THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL'S WRITTEN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, THE
4 STUDENT'S PRIOR SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE
5 THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL WITH THE STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE AND
6 TRUANCY RECORD.

7 (3) A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL MAY NOT ENROLL A STUDENT WHO IS
8 HABITUALLY TRUANT DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR AND MAY NOT
9 RECEIVE PAYMENT UNDER SECTION 1725-A OR 1725.1-A FOR A
10 HABITUALLY TRUANT STUDENT WHO TRANSFERS TO THE CYBER CHARTER
11 SCHOOL UNLESS A JUDGE DETERMINES THAT THE TRANSFER IS IN THE
12 EDUCATIONAL BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH
13 SECTION 1333(C.1).

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15 SECTION 33. SECTION 1743-A(D) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH, (5)
16 AND (10) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED AND THE SUBSECTION IS AMENDED BY
17 ADDING A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

18 SECTION 1743-A. CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS AND
19 PROHIBITIONS.

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21 (D) PARENT OR GUARDIAN.--[UPON REQUEST AND PRIOR TO THE]
22 PRIOR TO A STUDENT'S FIRST DAY IN A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL AND
23 ANNUALLY FOR ALL STUDENTS, THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL,
24 EITHER IN WRITING OR ELECTRONICALLY, PROVIDE TO THE PARENT OR
25 GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT THE FOLLOWING:

26 * * *

27 (5) THE MEETINGS TO BE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR
28 BETWEEN A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND A TEACHER AND AMONG OTHER
29 SCHOOL OFFICIALS OR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, INCLUDING WELLNESS
30 REVIEW CONFERENCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1748.1-A, AND

1 THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WILL BE NOTIFIED
2 OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE MEETING.

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4 (10) COPIES OF POLICIES RELATING TO COMPUTER SECURITY
5 AND PRIVACY, TRUANCY, ABSENCES, WELLNESS CHECKS, DISCIPLINE
6 AND WITHDRAWAL OR EXPULSION OF STUDENTS.

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8 (14) RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
9 WITH MAINTAINING COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WHILE ENROLLED
10 IN CYBER EDUCATION.

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12 SECTION 34. SECTIONS 1748-A(A) AND (B) INTRODUCTORY
13 PARAGRAPH AND (1) AND 1748.1-A(A), (B), (C) AND (E) (4) OF THE
14 ACT, AMENDED OR ADDED JULY 11, 2024 (P.L.618, NO.55) AND
15 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), ARE AMENDED TO READ:
16 SECTION 1748-A. ENROLLMENT AND NOTIFICATION.

17 (A) NOTICE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT.--

18 (1) WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE ENROLLMENT OF A STUDENT TO A
19 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL, [THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND] THE CYBER
20 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL NOTIFY THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
21 RESIDENCE OF THE ENROLLMENT THROUGH THE USE OF THE
22 NOTIFICATION FORM UNDER SUBSECTION (B). THE NOTIFICATION FORM
23 SUBMITTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH FOR A STUDENT WHO ENROLLS IN
24 THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPTEMBER 15
25 SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS (1.2) AND (1.3)
26 FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR.

27 (1.1) [THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A
28 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ALSO USE THE FORM DEVELOPED UNDER
29 SUBSECTION (B) TO SUBMIT CONTINUED PROOF OF THE STUDENT'S
30 RESIDENCE TO THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL AND THE STUDENT'S

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE BY NOVEMBER 1 AND BY MARCH 1 OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR. THE NOTIFICATION FORM OF A NEWLY ENROLLED CYBER CHARTER STUDENT SHALL SATISFY THE FIRST NOVEMBER 1 OR MARCH 1 NOTIFICATION DEADLINE, WHICHEVER IS SOONER.] A STUDENT IDENTIFIED AS HOMELESS UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 11302 (RELATING TO GENERAL DEFINITION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL) MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE HOME ADDRESS INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (1) OR (6) [.] OR PROVIDE CONTINUED PROOF OF THE STUDENT'S RESIDENCY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1.2).

(1.2) NO EARLIER THAN JULY 1 AND NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15 OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR, A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL THAT THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST PROVIDE CONTINUED PROOF OF THE STUDENT'S RESIDENCE TO THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL BY SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NOTIFICATION FORM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THE NOTIFICATION FORM AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE TO THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL.

(1.3) THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THAT THE NOTIFICATION FORM AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE ARE RECEIVED FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT BY SEPTEMBER 30 AND SHALL TRANSMIT ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1.2) TO THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE BY OCTOBER 15.

(1.4) A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE MAY WITHHOLD TUITION PAYMENTS TO A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL FOR A STUDENT FOR WHOM THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL HAS NOT PROVIDED THE NOTIFICATION FORM AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH

1 PARAGRAPH (1.3) OR (1.6). AFTER A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL HAS
2 PROVIDED THE NOTIFICATION FORM AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE, THE
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE SHALL MAKE ANY OUTSTANDING
4 PAYMENTS WITHIN 30 DAYS TO THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ALL
5 PERIODS DURING WHICH THE STUDENT WAS ENROLLED IN THE CYBER
6 CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

7 (1.5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT DEDUCT TUITION PAYMENTS
8 UNDER SECTIONS 1725-A AND 1725.1-A FOR A STUDENT FOR WHOM THE
9 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL HAS NOT PROVIDED THE NOTIFICATION FORM
10 AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.
11 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEDUCT TUITION PAYMENTS UNDER SECTIONS
12 1725-A AND 1725.1-A, AS APPLICABLE, ONLY AFTER THE CYBER
13 CHARTER SCHOOL PROVIDES THE PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR THAT
14 STUDENT REQUIRED IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

15 (1.6) IF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A RETURNING STUDENT HAS
16 NOT SUBMITTED THE NOTIFICATION FORM AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE
17 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1.2) TO THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL BY NOVEMBER
18 15, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

19 (I) A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL MAY COMPLETE AN ALTERNATE
20 NOTIFICATION FORM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE
21 ALTERNATE NOTIFICATION FORM SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION
22 INCLUDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE BILLED IN THE
23 PRIOR YEAR FOR THE STUDENT, IF KNOWN, AND ANY ADDITIONAL
24 PROOF OF THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.

25 (II) THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT THE
26 ALTERNATE NOTIFICATION FORM TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
27 RESIDENCE WITH NO LESS THAN FIVE FORMS OF EVIDENCE
28 SHOWING ATTEMPTS BY THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL TO CONTACT
29 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO SUBMIT THE NOTIFICATION FORM
30 AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1.2), INCLUDING

1 AT LEAST ONE ATTEMPT THROUGH CERTIFIED MAIL.

2 (III) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT AGREE THAT A
3 STUDENT IS A RESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT MAY UTILIZE THE PROCESS UNDER PARAGRAPH (2).

5 (2) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT DETERMINES AT ANY TIME THAT A
6 STUDENT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE
7 FOLLOWING APPLY:

8 (I) [WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE UNDER
9 PARAGRAPH (1), THE] THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOTIFY THE
10 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL AND THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE STUDENT
11 IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. NOTIFICATION OF
12 NONRESIDENCE SHALL INCLUDE THE BASIS FOR THE
13 DETERMINATION OF NONRESIDENCY.

14 (II) WITHIN 10 DAYS OF NOTIFICATION UNDER
15 SUBPARAGRAPH (I), THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL REVIEW
16 THE NOTIFICATION OF NONRESIDENCE AND NOTIFY THE SCHOOL
17 DISTRICT AND THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL
18 AGREES WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DETERMINATION OR DOES
19 NOT AGREE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DETERMINATION. IF
20 THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL DISAGREES WITH THE SCHOOL
21 DISTRICT'S DETERMINATION, THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL
22 PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY AS THE BASIS OF THE
23 DETERMINATION TO BOTH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE
24 DEPARTMENT. IF THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL AGREES THAT THE
25 STUDENT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE
26 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL DETERMINE THE PROPER SCHOOL
27 DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE FOR THE STUDENT AND REQUEST FUNDS
28 FROM THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

29 (III) WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE RESPONSE
30 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II), THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOTIFY

1 THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IT AGREES WITH THE CYBER
2 CHARTER SCHOOL'S DETERMINATION OR DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE
3 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL'S DETERMINATION.

4 (IV) A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS NOTIFIED THE CYBER
5 CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IT DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE CYBER
6 CHARTER SCHOOL'S DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III)
7 SHALL APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A FINAL DETERMINATION
8 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 PA.C.S. CH. 5 SUBCH. A (RELATING TO
9 PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE OF COMMONWEALTH AGENCIES).

10 (V) ALL DECISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE OF A STUDENT SHALL BE
12 SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COMMONWEALTH COURT.

13 (VI) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1.4), A
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO A
15 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER [SECTION] SECTIONS 1725-A AND
16 1725.1-A DURING THE TIME IN WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
17 RESIDENCE OF A STUDENT IS IN DISPUTE.

18 (VII) IF A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT A
19 STUDENT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF AN APPEALING SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT, THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL RETURN ALL FUNDS
21 PROVIDED ON BEHALF OF THAT STUDENT DURING THE PERIOD FOR
22 WHICH THE STUDENT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN 30 DAYS.

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25 (B) NOTIFICATION [FORM] FORMS.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP
26 [A] NOTIFICATION [FORM] FORMS, WHICH MAY BE ELECTRONIC, FOR USE
27 UNDER SUBSECTION (A). THE [NOTIFICATION] NOTIFICATIONS SHALL
28 INCLUDE:

29 (1) THE FULL NAME, HOME ADDRESS AND MAILING ADDRESS OF
30 THE STUDENT.

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2 SECTION 1748.1-A. ENROLLEE WELLNESS CHECKS.

3 (A) REQUIREMENTS.--A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL, AT LEAST
4 ONCE DURING ANY WEEK CONSISTING OF AT LEAST THREE FULL OR
5 PARTIAL DAYS OF ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, CONDUCT WELLNESS CHECKS TO
6 ENSURE THAT EACH ENROLLED STUDENT IS VISIBLY SEEN AND
7 COMMUNICATED WITH IN REAL TIME EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA
8 ELECTRONIC MEANS BY A TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR OR OTHER
9 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL[, EITHER IN PERSON OR
10 VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS,] SUBJECT TO 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 (RELATING TO
11 CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF
12 THE STUDENT AND VERIFY PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.
13 [THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE SATISFIED BY
14 STUDENTS TURNING ON A WEBCAM DURING SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE
15 INSTRUCTION.] THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO A WELLNESS CHECK:

16 (1) THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE
17 SATISFIED BY EACH STUDENT TURNING ON A WEBCAM AND A TEACHER,
18 ADMINISTRATOR OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CYBER CHARTER
19 SCHOOL SUBJECT TO 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 VISIBLY SEEING AND
20 COMMUNICATING WITH THE STUDENT DURING SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE
21 INSTRUCTION.

22 (2) PARTICIPATION IN VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE HEALTH
23 SCREENINGS, STANDARDIZED TESTING, ADVISING AND TUTORING AND
24 IN-PERSON SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES CHAPERONED BY A
25 TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CYBER
26 CHARTER SCHOOL SUBJECT TO 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 MAY COUNT TOWARD
27 FULFILLING A WEEKLY WELLNESS CHECK UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

28 (3) THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL MAY EXEMPT A STUDENT FROM A
29 WEEKLY WELLNESS CHECK IF THE STUDENT HAS RECEIVED AN EXCUSED
30 ABSENCE FOR THE DAY ON WHICH THE WELLNESS CHECK WAS

1 ATTEMPTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1329. IF A STUDENT HAS
2 AN EXCUSED ABSENCE ON THE DAY A WEEKLY WELLNESS CHECK IS
3 ATTEMPTED, THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CONDUCT THE CHECK
4 ON THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY OR ON ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY DURING THAT
5 SAME WEEK. IF A STUDENT HAS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR ALL SCHOOL
6 DAYS DURING A WEEK, THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL EXEMPT A
7 STUDENT FROM A WELLNESS CHECK FOR THAT WEEK.

8 (4) THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL MAY EXEMPT A STUDENT FROM A
9 WEEKLY WELLNESS CHECK IF THE STUDENT'S HOUSEHOLD IS
10 EXPERIENCING A DOCUMENTED INTERNET OR POWER OUTAGE DURING THE
11 DAY AND TIME IN WHICH THE WELLNESS CHECK WAS ATTEMPTED. THE
12 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CONDUCT THE WELLNESS CHECK ON THE
13 NEXT SCHOOL DAY OR ON ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY DURING THAT SAME
14 WEEK FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNET OR POWER OUTAGE.
15 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT SHALL PROVIDE
16 DOCUMENTATION OF THE INTERNET OR POWER OUTAGE TO THE CYBER
17 CHARTER SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

18 (5) WITHIN ONE SCHOOL DAY AFTER A STUDENT FAILS TO
19 COMPLETE A REQUIRED WELLNESS CHECK, THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL
20 SHALL:

21 (I) MAKE DOCUMENTED ONGOING EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE
22 REQUIRED WELLNESS CHECK AND CONTACT THE STUDENT'S PARENT
23 OR GUARDIAN USING AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT METHODS OF
24 COMMUNICATION; AND

25 (II) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT
26 OR GUARDIAN, IN THEIR PREFERRED LANGUAGE, THAT THE
27 REQUIRED WELLNESS CHECK HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

28 (6) IF THE REQUIRED WELLNESS CHECK IS NOT COMPLETED
29 WITHIN THREE SCHOOL DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE IS SENT UNDER
30 PARAGRAPH (5) (II), THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

1 (I) THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL IMMEDIATELY
2 SCHEDULE A WELLNESS REVIEW CONFERENCE TO OCCUR WITHIN ONE
3 SCHOOL DAY. THE CONFERENCE MAY BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON OR
4 BY ELECTRONIC MEANS AND SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
5 COMPLETING THE REQUIRED WELLNESS CHECK THROUGH A REAL-
6 TIME VISUAL INTERACTION WITH THE STUDENT, REESTABLISHING
7 COMMUNICATION WITH THE STUDENT AND THE STUDENT'S PARENT
8 OR GUARDIAN, AND IDENTIFYING INTERVENTIONS TO ENSURE THAT
9 THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN FUTURE WELLNESS CHECKS.

10 (II) THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CONVENE THE
11 WELLNESS REVIEW CONFERENCE AS SCHEDULED, REGARDLESS OF
12 WHETHER THE STUDENT OR THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN
13 PARTICIPATES.

14 (7) IF A STUDENT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE WELLNESS
15 REVIEW CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (6)(II), THE
16 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CONDUCT AN IN-PERSON WELLNESS
17 CHECK WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED CONFERENCE.

18 (8) A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR MAY NOT ALTER
19 ANY ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR WELLNESS CHECKS AFTER THE WELLNESS
20 CHECK IS PERFORMED, UNLESS THE ALTERATION CORRECTS AN ERROR.

21 (B) REPORT.--IF ANY INDICATION OF ABUSE, NEGLECT OR HARM TO
22 A CHILD IS OBSERVED, THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR,
23 EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE SHALL REPORT THE CONCERNS IN
24 ACCORDANCE WITH 23 PA.C.S. CH. 63 [(RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTIVE
25 SERVICES)].

26 (C) WELLNESS POLICY.--[EACH] NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF EACH
27 YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR, EACH CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL
28 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL A WELLNESS CHECK
29 POLICY THAT DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (A) AND
30 (B). ONCE APPROVED, EACH CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL POST THE

1 WELLNESS CHECK POLICY ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET
2 WEBSITE.

3 * * *

4 (E) NONCOMPLIANCE.--FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION MAY
5 RESULT IN THE DEPARTMENT TAKING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

6 * * *

7 (4) PROHIBITING A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL FROM BEING
8 AWARDED A STATE GRANT BY THE DEPARTMENT UNTIL THE CYBER
9 CHARTER SCHOOL DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (A)
10 [AND (B)] , (B) AND (C).

11 SECTION 35. SECTION 1703-D(B) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:
12 SECTION 1703-D. PILOT PROGRAM.

13 * * *

14 (B) OPERATION.--THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL OPERATE FOR [THREE]
15 FIVE FULL SCHOOL YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL
16 YEAR.

17 * * *

18 SECTION 36. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
19 SECTION 1859. TEMPORARY WAIVER.--(A) NOTWITHSTANDING 22 PA.
20 CODE § 339.22 (A) (9) (II) (C) (RELATING TO PROGRAM CONTENT), THE
21 SECRETARY SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT CAREER AND TECHNICAL
22 EDUCATION PROGRAMS MUST CONCLUDE IN TWELFTH GRADE.

23 (B) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT
24 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FROM CONCLUDING IN
25 TWELFTH GRADE, BUT THE LAST YEAR OF THE PROGRAM SHALL CONCLUDE
26 NO LATER THAN TWELFTH GRADE.

27 (C) THE SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL
28 EXPIRE THREE YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
29 OR UPON PROMULGATION OF FINAL REGULATIONS, WHICHEVER OCCURS
30 FIRST. THE EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL

1 NOT AFFECT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
2 PROGRAMS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE.

3 (D) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
4 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
5 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

6 "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS" SHALL MEAN
7 VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS SPECIFIED IN 22
8 PA. CODE § 339.2 (RELATING TO OPERATION).

9 "SECRETARY" SHALL MEAN THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OF THE
10 COMMONWEALTH.

11 SECTION 37. SECTION 1913-A(B) (1.6) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY
12 ADDING A SUBCLAUSE TO READ:

13 SECTION 1913-A. FINANCIAL PROGRAM; REIMBURSEMENT OF
14 PAYMENTS.--* * *

15 (B) * * *

16 (1.6) FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
17 THEREAFTER, THE PAYMENT FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL CONSIST OF
18 THE FOLLOWING:

19 * * *

20 (XXII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
21 SHALL RECEIVE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FOLLOWING:

22 (A) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OPERATING COSTS
23 RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 UNDER SUBCLAUSE (XXI) (A).

24 (B) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STIPEND
25 RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 UNDER SUBCLAUSE (XXI) (B).

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27 SECTION 38. SECTION 1908-B OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

28 SECTION 1908-B. INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION;
29 CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES.--(A) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL
30 PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION HEREINAFTER DEFINED FOR THOSE

1 PERSONS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1904-B.
2 IN CONSIDERING SUCH ADMISSION, NO PREFERENCE SHALL BE SHOWN ON
3 ACCOUNT OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, ETHNIC GROUP OR
4 RELIGION.

5 (B) THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE THE EQUIVALENT LEVEL
6 OF A TWO-YEAR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION WHICH SHALL INCLUDE
7 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS LEADING
8 TO THE AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES OR ASSOCIATE DEGREES, WHEN
9 APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES
10 AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR THIS LEVEL OF
11 EDUCATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FITTING PUPILS TO PURSUE
12 EFFECTIVELY A RECOGNIZED PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

13 (C) IN ADDITION TO THE CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES AUTHORIZED
14 UNDER SUBSECTION (B), THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ESTABLISH AND
15 OFFER COURSES OF INSTRUCTION LEADING TO THE AWARDING OF
16 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES IN APPLIED SCIENCES, INCLUDING THE
17 BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE, IN FIELDS ALIGNED WITH TECHNICAL
18 EDUCATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND HIGH-PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS
19 WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH. THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
20 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

21 (1) BUILD UPON OR ARTICULATE WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
22 OFFERED BY THE COLLEGE;

23 (2) EMPHASIZE APPLIED, TECHNICAL AND CAREER-FOCUSED
24 INSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO MEET WORKFORCE NEEDS;

25 (3) INCLUDE APPROPRIATE GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENTS TO
26 ENSURE ACADEMIC RIGOR CONSISTENT WITH BACCALAUREATE-LEVEL STUDY;
27 AND

28 (4) BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY AN APPLICABLE REGIONAL
29 ACCREDITING AGENCY.

30 (D) THE COLLEGE MAY NOT OFFER GRADUATE-LEVEL DEGREES UNLESS

1 SEPARATELY AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2 (E) THE COLLEGE SHALL COLLABORATE, TO THE EXTENT
3 PRACTICABLE, WITH OTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
4 WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH TO:

5 (1) AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF PROGRAMS;

6 (2) PROMOTE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION PATHWAYS; AND

7 (3) ADDRESS STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL WORKFORCE NEEDS.

8 (F) AS PART OF THE ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 1916-B, THE
9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUMMARIZING:

11 (1) BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS OFFERED;

12 (2) ENROLLMENT, COMPLETION AND EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES; AND

13 (3) ALIGNMENT WITH WORKFORCE DEMAND.

14 (G) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO ALTER THE
15 STATUS OF THE COLLEGE AS A RESIDENTIAL, TWO-YEAR COLLEGE WITH A
16 PRIMARY MISSION OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL EDUCATION. THE OFFERING
17 OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES IN APPLIED SCIENCES SHALL BE CONSIDERED
18 A SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRIMARY MISSION.

19 SECTION 39. THE DEFINITION OF "APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY" IN
20 SECTION 2001-A OF THE ACT, ADDED JULY 17, 2024 (P.L.945, NO.89),
21 IS AMENDED TO READ:

22 SECTION 2001-A. DEFINITIONS.--THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND
23 PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS
24 ARTICLE, HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS, RESPECTIVELY, EXCEPT IN
25 THOSE INSTANCES WHERE THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES A DIFFERENT
26 MEANING:

27 * * *

28 "APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY" SHALL MEAN A PROGRAM OFFERED BY AN
29 INSTITUTION THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION IN AGRICULTURE, COMPUTER
30 SCIENCE, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION, STEM EDUCATION,

ENGINEERING, NURSING, ALLIED HEALTH, CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR OTHER
PROGRAMS ALIGNED TO IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE
GROW PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE XX-L
AND APPROVED BY THE AGENCY.

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SECTION 40. SECTION 2022-A(B) (4) AND (5) (II), (J) AND (M) OF
THE ACT, ADDED JULY 17, 2024 (P.L.945, NO.89) AND AMENDED
NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 2022-A. GROW PENNSYLVANIA TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM.--*

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(B) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RECEIPT OF A TUITION WAIVER, AN
ELIGIBLE NONRESIDENT STUDENT MUST:

* * *

(4) NOT HAVE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR MASTER'S DEGREE
OR THE EQUIVALENT.

(5) ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCY TO:

* * *

(II) RESIDE AND COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THIS COMMONWEALTH
WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY
CULMINATING IN A BACHELOR'S [OR] DEGREE, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR,
IF ENROLLED IN AN ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM, MASTER'S
DEGREE. THE EMPLOYMENT MUST BE IN AN IN-DEMAND OCCUPATION, AS
DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY, FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS FOR EACH
ACADEMIC YEAR THE STUDENT RECEIVED A TUITION WAIVER, UNLESS THE
AGENCY DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. IF
THE AGENCY DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE NO EXTENUATING
CIRCUMSTANCES, RESIDENCY AND EMPLOYMENT IN THIS COMMONWEALTH
MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR THE DURATION OF THE QUALIFYING
EMPLOYMENT.

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1 [(J) IN ANY YEAR WHEN FEWER THAN THREE HUNDRED (300) TUITION
2 WAIVERS ARE AWARDED, THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY TO THE SYSTEM IN
3 THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT:

4 (1) SUBTRACT THE NUMBER OF TUITION WAIVERS AWARDED FROM
5 THREE HUNDRED (300).

6 (2) MULTIPLY THE SUM IN PARAGRAPH (1) BY THE DIFFERENTIAL
7 BETWEEN TUITION FOR A RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT STUDENT.]

8 * * *

9 (M) THE SYSTEM SHALL ACTIVELY ADVERTISE AND MARKET THE
10 PROGRAM AND THE GROW PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM
11 UNDER ARTICLE XX-L TO STUDENTS AND [INCLUDE] PROMINENTLY DISPLAY
12 INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM ON THE SYSTEM'S PUBLICLY
13 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE AND ON EACH INSTITUTION'S PUBLICLY
14 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

15 * * *

16 SECTION 41. THE DEFINITION OF "TRADE" IN SECTION 2050-L OF
17 THE ACT, ADDED JULY 17, 2024 (P.L.945, NO.89), IS AMENDED AND
18 THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A DEFINITION TO READ:
19 SECTION 2050-L. DEFINITIONS.

20 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS SUBARTICLE
21 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
22 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

23 "ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM." AN ACCELERATED
24 PROGRAM NOT EXCEEDING FIVE ACADEMIC YEARS THAT ENABLES STUDENTS
25 TO EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND AN ADVANCED DEGREE BY TAKING
26 GRADUATE COURSES WHILE COMPLETING THEIR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE.

27 * * *

28 "TRADE." A PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF
29 TECHNOLOGY AND THE THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY[.], OR
30 A PROGRAM OFFERED BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS

1 THE SAME CLASSIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM CODE OFFERED BY
2 THE PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY OR THE THADDEUS STEVENS
3 COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

4 SECTION 42. SECTION 2052-L(4) (IV) AND (V) (B) OF THE ACT,
5 AMENDED NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), ARE AMENDED AND THE
6 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

7 SECTION 2052-L. AGENCY DUTIES.

8 THE AGENCY SHALL:

9 * * *

10 (4) ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IN ORDER FOR A
11 STUDENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT. THE CRITERIA SHALL, AT A MINIMUM,
12 INCLUDE THAT A STUDENT MUST:

13 * * *

14 (IV) NOT HAVE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR MASTER'S
15 DEGREE OR THE EQUIVALENT.

16 (V) ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCY
17 TO:

18 * * *

19 (B) RESIDE AND COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THIS
20 COMMONWEALTH WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF AN
21 APPROVED COURSE OF STUDY CULMINATING IN A BACHELOR'S
22 DEGREE, [OR] ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE[.] OR, IF ENROLLED IN
23 AN ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM, MASTER'S
24 DEGREE. THE EMPLOYMENT MUST BE IN AN IN-DEMAND
25 OCCUPATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY, FOR A PERIOD
26 OF 12 MONTHS FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR THE STUDENT
27 RECEIVED A GRANT, UNLESS THE AGENCY DETERMINES THAT
28 THERE ARE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. IF THE AGENCY
29 DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE NO EXTENUATING
30 CIRCUMSTANCES, RESIDENCY AND EMPLOYMENT IN THIS

COMMONWEALTH MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR THE DURATION OF
THE QUALIFYING EMPLOYMENT.

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(8) TRANSMIT TO EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION A
COMPLETE LIST OF ALL APPROVED OCCUPATIONS BY STANDARD
OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER
30 OF EACH YEAR.

(9) REVIEW AND CERTIFY EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
EDUCATION'S LIST OF APPROVED COURSES OF STUDY WITHIN 90 DAYS
OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH. THE AGENCY SHALL
EACH YEAR THEREAFTER REVIEW AND CERTIFY THE LIST PRIOR TO AN
APPLICATION PERIOD BEING OPENED.

(10) ESTABLISH AN APPEALS PROCESS IN WHICH A STUDENT,
WITH THE CONSENT OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MAY
PETITION THE AGENCY TO DETERMINE THAT THE STUDENT'S COURSE OF
STUDY WILL RESULT IN EMPLOYMENT IN AN IN-DEMAND OCCUPATION.
THE APPEAL MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A STUDENT
ENROLLED IN A GENERAL PROGRAM OF STUDY OR A PRE-MAJOR PROGRAM
OF STUDY PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT AND INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
EDUCATION CERTIFY IN THE APPEAL THAT THE STUDENT IS NOT IN AN
UNDECLARED STATUS AND THE STUDENT INTENDS TO ENROLL OR IS
ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM OF STUDY THAT MAPS TO AN APPROVED
OCCUPATION REQUIRING AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S
DEGREE OR AN OCCUPATION RELATED TO AN APPROVED ACCELERATED
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM.

SECTION 43. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
SECTION 2052.1-L. INSTITUTION DUTIES.

EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL:

(1) PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

1 (2) CERTIFY AN APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY AS PRESENTED BY
2 THE AGENCY NOT LATER THAN 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF
3 THE REQUEST.

4 (3) IDENTIFY AND REPORT TO THE AGENCY, IN A MANNER
5 PRESCRIBED BY THE AGENCY, ALL COURSES OF STUDY OFFERED BY THE
6 INSTITUTION THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, NO LATER THAN
7 60 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND NO
8 LATER THAN JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

9 (4) FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION FROM THE AGENCY, POST ON THE
10 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
11 INTERNET WEBSITE ALL APPROVED COURSES OF STUDY UNDER THIS
12 SUBARTICLE THAT ARE OFFERED AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
13 EDUCATION.

14 (5) POST INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM ON THE
15 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
16 INTERNET WEBSITE.

17 SECTION 44. SECTION 2062-L OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING
18 PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

19 SECTION 2062-L. REPORT.

20 THE AGENCY SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
21 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AN ANNUAL REPORT
22 DETAILING THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM EACH YEAR. THE REPORT
23 SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE:

24 * * *

25 (11) THE NUMBER OF APPEALS GRANTED AND DENIED UNDER
26 SECTION 2052-L(10).

27 (12) A LIST OF PROGRAMS OF STUDY GRANTED AND DENIED
28 UNDER SECTION 2052-L(10).

29 SECTION 45. SECTION 2204-B(B) (1) AND (C) OF THE ACT, AMENDED
30 JULY 17, 2024 (P.L.945, NO.89) AND NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244,

NO.47), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 2204-B. AGENCY.

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(B) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.--THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DEVELOPED FOR THE RECEIPT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, REQUIRE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME NOT TO EXCEED ~~[\$200,000]~~ \$208,000. WITH EACH NEW AWARD YEAR, THE AGENCY MAY ANNUALLY ADJUST THE TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME THRESHOLD UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH TO REFLECT ANY UPWARD CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE AND MARYLAND AREA.

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(C) COMBINATION.--A STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER SUBSECTION (A) IF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN COMBINATION WITH A STATE GRANT AWARD FOR THE SAME ACADEMIC YEAR DOES NOT EXCEED THE ANNUALLY ESTABLISHED MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE READY-TO-SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AS ESTABLISHED BY THE AGENCY. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, THE MAXIMUM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN \$3,000.

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SECTION 46. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
SECTION 2330. STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, EACH LIBRARY SUBJECT TO 24 PA.C.S. CH. 93 (RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARY CODE) SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AS FOLLOWS:

(1) FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR LIBRARIES SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH LIBRARY UNDER THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

(I) DIVIDE THE SUM OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THE

1 LIBRARY RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 UNDER SECTION
2 2329 BY THE TOTAL STATE-AID SUBSIDY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-
3 2026.

4 (II) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY
5 THE TOTAL STATE-AID SUBSIDY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

6 (2) FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR
7 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1), ANY REMAINING
8 FUNDS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE
9 LIBRARIAN.

10 (3) IF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR STATE AID TO LIBRARIES IN
11 FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ARE LESS THAN FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN
12 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION ACCORDING TO
13 THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, THE STATE LIBRARIAN MAY WAIVE
14 STANDARDS AS PRESCRIBED IN 24 PA.C.S. CH. 93.

15 (4) EACH LIBRARY SYSTEM RECEIVING STATE AID UNDER THIS
16 SECTION MAY DISTRIBUTE THE LOCAL LIBRARY SHARE OF THAT AID IN
17 A MANNER AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
18 LIBRARY SYSTEM.

19 (5) IN THE CASE OF A LIBRARY SYSTEM THAT CONTAINS A
20 LIBRARY OPERATING IN A CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS, CHANGES TO
21 THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID TO THE LIBRARY SHALL BE MADE BY
22 MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

23 (6) IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER
24 POPULATION PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH AS A
25 RESULT OF:

26 (I) A CITY, BOROUGH, TOWN, TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL DISTRICT
27 OR COUNTY MOVING FROM ONE LIBRARY CENTER TO ANOTHER; OR

28 (II) A TRANSFER OF DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER STATUS TO
29 A COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM; FUNDING OF DISTRICT LIBRARY
30 CENTER AID SHALL BE PAID BASED ON THE POPULATION OF THE

NEWLY ESTABLISHED OR RECONFIGURED DISTRICT LIBRARY
CENTER.

(7) IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN DIRECT SERVICE AREA FROM
ONE LIBRARY TO ANOTHER, THE STATE LIBRARIAN, UPON AGREEMENT
OF THE AFFECTED LIBRARIES, MAY REDISTRIBUTE THE LOCAL LIBRARY
SHARE OF AID TO THE LIBRARY CURRENTLY SERVICING THE AREA.

SECTION 47. SECTIONS 2502.56 AND 2509.8 OF THE ACT ARE
AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

SECTION 2502.56. STUDENT-WEIGHTED BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING
BEGINNING WITH 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.--* * *

(C.2) FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL
MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING PAYMENTS. SUPPLEMENTAL
PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE PART OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ALLOCATION AMOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (1) FOR
THE IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR
THEREAFTER. THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000)
TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED IN A COUNTY OF THE THIRD CLASS WITH
A 2021-2022 ADJUSTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP GREATER THAN 4,205
AND LESS THAN 4,210 AND A 2021-2022 CURRENT EXPENDITURE OF LESS
THAN SIXTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$62,000,000).

(2) ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCATED IN A COUNTY OF THE THIRD CLASS WITH A 2021-2022 ADJUSTED
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP GREATER THAN 4,530 AND LESS THAN 4,540
AND A 2021-2022 CURRENT EXPENDITURE OF GREATER THAN SEVENTY-
EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS (\$78,000,000).

(3) THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000)
TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED IN A COUNTY OF THE SECOND CLASS A
WITH A 2021-2022 ADJUSTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP GREATER THAN
960 AND LESS THAN 965 AND A 2021-2022 CURRENT EXPENDITURE OF

GREATER THAN TWENTY-THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$23,000,000).

(4) ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCATED IN A COUNTY OF THE THIRD CLASS WITH A 2021-2022 ADJUSTED
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP GREATER THAN 1,615 AND LESS THAN 1,620
AND A 2021-2022 CURRENT EXPENDITURE OF LESS THAN TWENTY-NINE
MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$29,500,000).

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SECTION 2509.8. EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
EXPENSES.--* * *

(H) FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,
AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) FROM THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROPRIATION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CHARTER
SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 1717-A IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
THE FIRST CLASS FOR EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN PROVIDING
A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SERVICE TO ONE OR MORE STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITIES AS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION. THE
FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

(1) THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES SHALL BE CALCULATED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1372(8)(VI).

(2) SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (F)(II) AND (III) SHALL APPLY TO
MONEY DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE
INCLUDED WHEN CALCULATING THE AMOUNTS UNDER SUBSECTION (F)(I)
AND SECTION 2509.1(C.2).

SECTION 48. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

SECTION 2509.18. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.--FOR THE
2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY USE FUNDS
NOT EXPENDED, ENCUMBERED OR COMMITTED FROM THE APPROPRIATION FOR
TUITION FOR ORPHANS AND CHILDREN PLACED IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR A
PROGRAM TO ASSIST RESIDENTIAL, PRIVATE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS LICENSED

1 UNDER THE ACT OF JANUARY 28, 1988 (P.L.24, NO.11), KNOWN AS THE
2 PRIVATE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS ACT, WITH TUITION COSTS IF A STUDENT IS
3 PLACED IN THE SCHOOL BY A COURT OR AGENCY AND A SCHOOL DISTRICT
4 OF RESIDENCE WAS UNABLE TO BE DETERMINED FOR THE 2025-2026
5 SCHOOL YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN APPLICATION PROCESS
6 FOR THIS PROGRAM AND SHALL REQUIRE THE RESIDENTIAL, PRIVATE
7 ACADEMIC LICENSED SCHOOL TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTED PROOF OF ATTEMPTS
8 TO IDENTIFY A STUDENT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.

9 SECTION 49. SECTION 2510.3(A)(2) OF THE ACT, AMENDED
10 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), IS AMENDED TO READ:

11 SECTION 2510.3. ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED TO
12 BE IN FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS OR IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL
13 WATCH STATUS.--(A) THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

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15 (2) FOR THE 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021,
16 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 [AND], 2025-2026 AND
17 2026-2027 FISCAL YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY UTILIZE
18 UP TO SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) OF UNDISTRIBUTED FUNDS
19 NOT EXPENDED, ENCUMBERED OR COMMITTED FROM APPROPRIATIONS FOR
20 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND ASSESSMENTS MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 EDUCATION TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED TO BE IN FINANCIAL
22 RECOVERY STATUS UNDER SECTION 621-A, IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL
23 WATCH STATUS UNDER SECTION 611-A OR 694-A OR SUBJECT TO
24 OVERSIGHT DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER SECTION 625-A. THE
25 FUNDS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BUDGET TO A
26 RESTRICTED ACCOUNT AS NECESSARY TO MAKE PAYMENTS UNDER THIS
27 SECTION AND, WHEN TRANSFERRED, ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO CARRY
28 OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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30 SECTION 50. SECTION 2599.6(A.8) AND (A.9)(2) OF THE ACT,

1 AMENDED OR ADDED NOVEMBER 12, 2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), ARE AMENDED
2 AND SUBSECTIONS (A.6) AND (A.7) ARE AMENDED BY ADDING PARAGRAPHS
3 TO READ:

4 SECTION 2599.6. READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT.--* * *

5 (A.6) THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY AN ADEQUACY SUPPLEMENT FROM
6 THE READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION AS FOLLOWS:

7 * * *

8 (3) FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

9 (I) DIVIDE THE AMOUNT DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION (F) (1) BY THE
10 SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION (F) (1) FOR EACH
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

12 (II) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT DETERMINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY
13 \$526,440,000.

14 (A.7) THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY A TAX EQUITY SUPPLEMENT
15 FROM THE READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION AS FOLLOWS:

16 * * *

17 (3) FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

18 (I) DIVIDE THE AMOUNT DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION (G) (1) BY THE
19 SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION (G) (1) FOR EACH
20 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

21 (II) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT DETERMINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY
22 \$32,202,000.

23 (A.8) NO SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES FUNDING UNDER
24 SUBSECTION (A.6) OR (A.7) SHALL SEEK A REFERENDUM EXCEPTION
25 UNDER SECTION 333 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 27, 2006 (1ST SP.SESS.,
26 P.L.1873, NO.1), KNOWN AS THE TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT, FOR THE 2025-
27 2026 [AND], 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEARS. A SCHOOL
28 DISTRICT IS NOT REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THE FUNDING
29 UNDER SUBSECTION (A.6) OR (A.7) FOR WHICH IT IS ELIGIBLE.

30 (A.9) THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY A MINIMUM ALLOCATION

SUPPLEMENT, FOR WHICH THE PROVISIONS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) (1),
(C) (3) AND (D) (2) SHALL APPLY, FROM THE READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK
GRANT APPROPRIATION AS FOLLOWS:

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(2) [(RESERVED)] FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

(I) IF THE SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTIONS
(A.6) (3) (II) AND (A.7) (3) (II) FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LESS
THAN \$50,000, THE DIFFERENCE OF \$50,000 MINUS THE SUM OF THE
AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A.6) (3) (II) AND (A.7) (3)
(II) FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(II) IF THE SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTIONS
(A.6) (3) (II) AND (A.7) (3) (II) FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GREATER
THAN OR EQUAL TO \$50,000, \$0.

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SECTION 51. SECTION 2608-J OF THE ACT, AMENDED NOVEMBER 12,
2025 (P.L.244, NO.47), IS AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 2608-J. APPLICABILITY.

THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO PROJECTS FOR WHICH APPROVAL AND
REIMBURSEMENT IS SOUGHT AND TO THE MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT
PROGRAM BEGINNING [JULY 1, 2026.] THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH
MONEY IS SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
ARTICLE.

SECTION 52. THE ADDITION OF SECTION 1218.2 OF THE ACT SHALL
APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO JULY 1, 2026.

SECTION 53. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTION 1205.2 (C) (9)
AND (H.1) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 180 DAYS.

(2) THE FOLLOWING SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2027:

THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1205.2 (O) OF THE ACT.

THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1205.5 (A) (1) AND (G) OF THE

1 ACT.

2 THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1217(C) OF THE ACT.

3 THE ADDITION OF SECTION 1512.2 OF THE ACT.

4 (3) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTION 1333(A) AND
5 (C.2) (1) AND (2) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 90 DAYS.

6 (4) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
7 IMMEDIATELY.