

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1540 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY PARKER, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, GUENST, RABB, MADDEN, PASHINSKI AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, JUNE 28, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in terms and courses of study,
6 further providing for Commission for Agricultural Education
7 Excellence.

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

10 Section 1. ~~Section 1549.1(m) introductory paragraph of the~~ <--
11 ~~act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public~~
12 ~~School Code of 1949, is amended to read:~~

13 SECTION 1. SECTION 1549.1(G) AND (M) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH <--
14 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE
15 PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS
16 AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

17 Section 1549.1. Commission for Agricultural Education
18 Excellence.--\* \* \*

19 (G) [TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, FROM MEMBERS INITIALLY <--
20 APPOINTED, AN EQUAL NUMBER SHALL DRAW LOTS TO SERVE FOR A TERM

1 OF THREE YEARS, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AND FOR A TERM OF ONE  
2 YEAR. THEREAFTER, ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF  
3 THREE YEARS.] THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

4 (1) A MEMBER UNDER SUBSECTION (F) (1) AND (2) SHALL SERVE AS  
5 AN EX OFFICIO VOTING MEMBER.

6 (2) A MEMBER UNDER SUBSECTION (F) (3) SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR  
7 A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

8 (3) A MEMBER UNDER SUBSECTION (F) (3) WHOSE TERM HAS EXPIRED  
9 SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

10 (G.1) A VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION UNDER  
11 SUBSECTION (F) (3) SHALL BE FILLED BY THE FOLLOWING PROCESS TO  
12 FILL THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM:

13 (1) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND THE SECRETARY OF  
14 AGRICULTURE SHALL JOINTLY APPOINT A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY.

15 (2) A MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL BE NOMINATED  
16 BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE IN CONSULTATION WITH  
17 THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE OR BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
18 OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MINORITY LEADER OF  
19 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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21 (m) By [May 1, 2018, and by May 1 of] December ± 31 each <--  
22 year [thereafter], the commission shall submit a report to the  
23 Governor and the General Assembly on the status of agricultural  
24 education in this Commonwealth. The report shall:

25 \* \* \*

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.