

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

SENATOR VOGEL, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 13, 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(g) and (m) introductory paragraph
11 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the
12 Public School Code of 1949, are amended and the section is
13 amended by adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 1549.1. Commission for Agricultural Education
15 Excellence.--* * *

16 (g) [To the extent practicable, from members initially
17 appointed, an equal number shall draw lots to serve for a term
18 of three years, for a term of two years and for a term of one
19 year. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of

1 three years.] The following shall apply:

2 (1) A member under subsection (f)(1) and (2) shall serve as
3 an ex officio voting member.

4 (2) A member under subsection (f)(3) shall be appointed for
5 a term of three years.

6 (3) A member under subsection (f)(3) whose term has expired
7 shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

8 (g.1) A vacancy in membership of the commission under
9 subsection (f)(3) shall be filled by the following process to
10 fill the remainder of the unexpired term:

11 (1) The Secretary of Education and the Secretary of
12 Agriculture shall jointly appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

13 (2) A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be nominated
14 FROM A LIST SUBMITTED by the President pro tempore of the Senate <--
15 in consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate or FROM A <--
16 LIST SUBMITTED by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in
17 consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of
18 Representatives.

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

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