

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 639 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY M. MACKENZIE, R. MACKENZIE, JAMES, CIRESI, ROWE,  
STRUZZI, LEADBETER, KHAN AND SMITH, MARCH 21, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 21, 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 providing for litterbug education.

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

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
11 section to read:

12 Section 1555. Litterbug Education.--(a) Beginning with the  
13 2024-2025 school year, each student enrolled in a school entity  
14 in kindergarten through grade five shall have instruction in  
15 litter prevention and awareness.

16 (b) Instruction may be integrated into existing science  
17 curricula and may include instructional materials created and  
18 developed for students by the Department of Education to assist  
19 students in making environmentally sound decisions and  
20 understanding the vital role decisions have in preserving the

1 beauty of this Commonwealth.

2 (c) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"  
3 shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter  
4 school, cyber charter school or intermediate unit.

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