
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, SCHMITT, GIRAL, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS,
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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 pupils and attendance, further
6 providing for definition of children with exceptionalities,
7 reports and examination.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1371 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended to read:

13 Section 1371. Definition of Children with Exceptionalities;
14 Reports; Examination.--(1) The term "children with
15 exceptionalities" shall mean children of school age who have a
16 disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia, or who are
17 gifted and who, by reason thereof, need specially designed
18 instruction.

19 (2) It shall be the duty of the district superintendent, in

1 every school district in accordance with rules of procedure
2 prescribed by the Secretary of Education, to secure information
3 and report to the Department of Education, on or before the
4 fifteenth day of October of each year, and thereafter as cases
5 arise, every child with exceptionalities within said district. A
6 report shall be made to the Department of Education of all
7 children determined to need special education services or
8 programs consistent with chapter 14 of State Board of Education
9 Regulations, as well as chapter 342 of Department Standards.
10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.