

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 685 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY MOUL, CONKLIN, SMITH, COOK, REICHARD, HARKINS, VENKAT, ZIMMERMAN, JAMES, CAUSER, MENTZER, STAATS, PICKETT, BANTA, ROWE, ROAE, NEILSON, KRUPA, RIVERA, WHITE, SCHMITT, TWARDZIK, E. NELSON, MAKO, FLOOD, RADER, BONNER, STAMBAUGH, M. MACKENZIE, EMRICK, FLICK, STENDER, KUZMA, GAYDOS, DAVANZO, GREINER, METZGAR, BERNSTINE, IRVIN, CUTLER, ECKER, T. JONES, HAMM, FRIEL, KLUNK, MUSTELLO, GILLEN AND BASHLINE, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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 duties and powers of boards of
6 school directors, providing for admission fees for school-
7 sponsored activities.

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

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

13 Section 511.1. Admission Fees for School-Sponsored
14 Activities.--(a) When a fee is charged for admission to a
15 school-sponsored activity, United States currency shall be
16 accepted as a form of payment for admission on the date of the
17 activity.

1 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a
2 school-sponsored activity from accepting alternative payment
3 methods in addition to United States currency for admission to
4 the school-sponsored activity.

5 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
6 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
7 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Interscholastic athletic activity" shall mean an athletic
9 contest or competitions conducted between or among school
10 entities or nonpublic school entities in this Commonwealth.

11 "School entity" shall mean a school district, intermediate
12 unit, area career and technical school, charter school, cyber
13 charter school or regional charter school.

14 "School-sponsored activity" shall mean an assembly, field
15 trip, class trip, graduation ceremony, interscholastic athletic
16 activity, extracurricular activity, club, group, team or any
17 activity sponsored, held or approved by a school entity within
18 its buildings, grounds or other location not owned or operated
19 by the school entity.

20 "United States currency" shall mean the coin and paper money
21 of the United States.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.