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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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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 preliminary provisions, further  
6 providing for Keystone Exams.

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

9 Section 1. Section 121 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by  
11 adding subsections to read:

12 Section 121. Keystone Exams.--\* \* \*

13 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
14 contrary, no child may be required to take a Keystone Exam if  
15 the parent or guardian of the child notifies in writing the  
16 superintendent or chief administrator that the parent or  
17 guardian wishes for the child not to take the Keystone Exam.

18 (d) No student may be penalized by a school district, the  
19 State Board of Education or the Commonwealth for failing to take

1 a Keystone Exam if the parent or guardian of the child has  
2 provided notice under subsection (b).

3 (e) No student may be required to take a Keystone Exam as a  
4 condition for high school graduation.

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