

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE 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 pupils and attendance, further  
 6 providing for age limits and temporary residence and for  
 7 definitions.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1301 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 1301. Age Limits; Temporary Residence.--Every child,  
 14 being a resident of any school district, between the ages of  
 15 [~~six (6)~~] five (5) and twenty-one (21) years on or before  
 16 September 1 of the school term, may attend the public schools in  
 17 his district, subject to the provisions of this act.

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a  
 19 child who attains the age of twenty-one (21) years during the  
 20 school term and who has not graduated from high school may

1 continue to attend the public schools in his district free of  
2 charge until the end of the school term. The board of school  
3 directors of any school district may admit to the schools of the  
4 district, with or without the payment of tuition, any non-  
5 resident child temporarily residing in the district, and may  
6 require the attendance of such non-resident child in the same  
7 manner and on the same conditions as it requires the attendance  
8 of a resident child.

9 Section 2. The definition of "compulsory school age" in  
10 section 1326 of the act is amended to read:

11 Section 1326. Definitions.--When used in this article, the  
12 following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

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14 "Compulsory school age" shall mean the period of a child's  
15 life from the time the child's parents elect to have the child  
16 enter school and which shall be no later than [~~eight (8)~~] five  
17 (5) years of age on or before September 1 of the school term  
18 until the child reaches seventeen (17) years of age. The term  
19 does not include a child who holds a certificate of graduation  
20 from a regularly accredited, licensed, registered or approved  
21 high school.

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23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.