

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 659 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, MAY 2, 2017

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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, providing  
 6 for impact of scores from assessments.

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 121.1. Impact of Scores from Assessments.--(a)  
 13 Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, beginning  
 14 in the 2017-2018 school year, student scores on an assessment  
 15 shall be attributed to a student's school entity for the sole  
 16 purpose of compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act  
 17 (Public Law 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802).

18 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent  
 19 the use of student scores on an assessment to calculate academic  
 20 growth using statistically reliable measures.

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

4 "Assessment." The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment  
5 test, the Keystone Exam, an equivalent local assessment or  
6 another test established or approved by the State Board of  
7 Education or the General Assembly to meet the requirements of  
8 section 2603-B(d)(10)(i) and required under the Every Student  
9 Succeeds Act or its successor statute.

10 "Public school entity." Includes a school district,  
11 intermediate unit, joint school, area vocational-technical  
12 school, charter school or cyber charter school.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.