

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1281 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, BAKER, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, FARNESE,
GREENLEAF AND HUGHES, MARCH 11, 2014

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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 terms and courses of study, adding
6 winter emergency provisions and further providing for days
7 schools not to be kept open.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 1501.7(a), (b), (d), (g) and (h) and
11 1502(c) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as
12 the Public School Code of 1949, amended or added May 6, 1966
13 (P.L.150, No.28), are amended to read:

14 Section 1501.7. Weather [Emergency] Emergencies of 1996 and
15 2014.--(a) This section applies only to the school year 1995-
16 1996 as a result of the weather emergency of 1996 and to the
17 school year 2013-2014 as a result of the weather emergency of
18 2014.

19 (b) All school entities shall keep open for at least one
20 hundred eighty (180) days of instruction for students by using

1 all available days through June 30, 1996, for the school year
2 1995-1996 and all available days through June 30, 2014, for the
3 school year 2013-2014 and by using the provisions of this
4 section and section 1502(c).

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6 (d) For purposes of computing instructional time pursuant to
7 this section, the Secretary of Education shall calculate
8 instructional days or time related to the weather emergency of
9 1996 or 2014 prior to calculating any other lost instructional
10 time.

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12 (g) No temporary professional or professional employe of any
13 school closed by reason of the weather emergency of 1996 or 2014
14 shall receive more or less compensation than that to which the
15 employe would otherwise have been entitled to receive from the
16 school entity had the weather emergency of 1996 or 2014 not
17 occurred.

18 (h) No school entity which was closed because of the weather
19 emergency of 1996 or 2014 and which makes a good faith effort,
20 as determined by the Secretary of Education, to meet the
21 requirements of this section shall receive less subsidy payments
22 or reimbursements than it would otherwise be entitled to receive
23 for the school year 1995-1996 had the weather emergency of 1996
24 not occurred or for the school year 2013-2014 had the weather
25 emergency of 2014 not occurred.

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27 Section 1502. Days Schools not to be Kept Open.--* * *

28 (c) For the school [year] years 1995-1996 and 2013-2014
29 only, the board of school directors of a school district,
30 intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school and the

1 board of trustees of a charter school shall have the option of
2 rescheduling instructional days on Saturday, but for not more
3 than one Saturday per month, to make up instructional days lost
4 from the adopted school calendar because school was closed as a
5 result of the weather emergency of 1996 or 2014, respectively.
6 In those cases where a board of school directors or board of
7 trustees chooses to reschedule instructional days on Saturdays
8 in accordance with the provisions of this section, schools
9 within such board's jurisdiction shall not schedule tests or
10 examinations on these Saturdays. Notwithstanding the provisions
11 of subsection (a) or section 1719-A(12), if the board of school
12 directors or board of trustees reschedules an instructional day
13 on Saturday, the schools may be open the following Monday. The
14 chief executive officer of a charter school shall excuse
15 students from school attendance as provided in section 1501.7(e)
16 and (f).

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.