



Senate Education Committee

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BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1388, Printer's No. 2064

Prime Sponsor: Senator Folmer

SYNOPSIS:

Senate Bill 1388 amends the Public School Code to repeal antiquated provisions.

BILL ANALYSIS:

The following provisions would be repealed from the Public School Code:

Section 112. Report of Racial and Ethnic Groupings. (1993)

This section required the Department of Education, in 1993 only, to report on special education enrollments where gender and ethnic make-up exceeded 5% of the student population in the 1991-1992 school year.

Section 113. Study of Public Schools that Provide Internet Instruction. (2001)

This section required the Department of Education, in 2001 only, to report on public schools that provide instruction primarily through the Internet.

Section 212. Corporate Seal. (1949)

This section allows school districts to adopt a corporate seal. The seal shall read: "School District of, Pennsylvania."

Section 292. Submission of Plans. (1963)

This section required county boards of school directors, in 1964, to prepare a plan for organization of administrative units for the county. It further defined the process for the plan.

Section 293. Approval of the Plans. (1963)

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This section required the Council of Basic Education to review the administrative unit plans and the parameters for approving plans in the best interests of the educational system.

Section 294. Disapproval of Plans. (1963)

This section required the county board of school directors to amend and resubmit administrative unit plans when the Council of Basic Education disapproved them.

Section 295. Department of Public Instruction to Prepare Plans. (1963)

This section required the Department of Education to develop an administrative unit plan for a county if one was not approved by 1965. It further provided for a school district appeal process.

Section 296. Establishment of Reorganized School Districts. (1963)

This section required by 1966, all administrative units contained in the administrative unit plans be established as school districts and divided into the appropriate class.

Section 297. Advance Establishment. (1963)

This section stipulated that establishment of the school district, in 1964 and 1965, was not subject to further appeals and was approved by the school districts in the administrative unit plan.

Section 510.1 Special School Watchmen-School Districts in Townships of the Second Class. (1952)

This section provides for special school watchmen to patrol school grounds in certain school districts.

Section 519. Copies of School Laws. (1949)

This section requires the Department of Education to send each school board member a bound copy of each new edition of the School Laws.

Section 523. Educational Broadcasting, Subsection (a) only. (1973)

This section requires the State Board of Education to adopt a State Plan for Educational Broadcasting. The plan must provide for educational broadcasting facilities and define educational broadcasting service areas.

Section 705. Residences for Teachers and Janitors. (1965)

This section allows school districts of the fourth class to purchase or build a residence for the principal, teacher and janitor.

Section 736. Heating Stoves to be Shielded. (1949)

This section requires if a common heating stove is used in a school room, it must be shielded to protect pupils for direct rays of heat.

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Section 737. Ventilation; Thermometer. (1949)

This section requires every school room to have ventilation and a thermometer. If windows are used for ventilation, children must be protected from the cold air.

Section 738. Fireproof Construction. (1949)

This section requires fireproof construction for school buildings of two or more stories.

Section 739. Doors to Open Outward; Fire Escapes; etc. (1972)

This section requires school doors to open outward and for schools to have fire-escapes and safety appliances.

Section 740. Water-closets and Out-houses. (1949)

This section requires school districts to provide properly maintained water-closets or out-houses.

Section 760. Completion of Abandoned WPA Projects, Districts Third and Fourth Class. (1949)

This section allowed school districts of the third and fourth class to complete school building projects with approval from the Department of Education that were started, but not completed through the Work Projects Administration.

Section 772. Condition of Grounds; Shade Trees. (1949)

This section requires school districts to maintain neat school grounds with the proper number of shade trees.

Section 1208. Summer Schools, Etc. (1965)

This section requires the State Board of Education to provide summer schools for all public school teachers.

Section 1317.1 Possession of Telephone Pagers Prohibited. (1989)

This section prohibits students from possessing telephone paging devices on school grounds, at school sponsored activities and on school buses. Certain exemptions apply for medical reasons and volunteer rescue organizations.

Section 1337. Nonprofit School Food Program, Subsection (f) Studies, Appraisals and Reports to Governor. (1972)

Subsection (f) allows the Department of Education, if funding is available, to study methods of improving and expanding school food programs and promoting nutritional education in schools.

Section 1338.2. Antitruancy Programs. (1995)

This section requires the Department of Education to make recommendations concerning the establishment and funding of community-based antitruancy pilot programs.

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Section 1378. Medical Care for Children Under Six with Defective Hearing. (1949)

This section requires school districts to pay for the care and treatment of deaf children under the age of six when the parent or guardian is unable to do so.

Section 1308-A. Report. (1995)

This section required the Department of Education, in 1996 only, to report if additional costs were incurred by school districts and nonpublic schools for school safety reporting requirements.

Section 1414. Care and Treatment of Pupils. (1957)

This section allows school districts to provide for the care and treatment of all school age children with defective eyes, ears and teeth.

Section 1422.1. Local Wellness Policy. (2006)

This section requires each local education agency to create a local wellness policy pursuant to federal law. The local education agency may submit its policy and health-related initiatives to the Department of Education's clearinghouse.

Section 1517. Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills. Portion of Subsection (d). (1970)

This portion of subsection (d) requires superintendents to certify the occurrence of emergency evacuation drills to the Department of Education.

Section 1522. Foreign Language Academies. (1991)

This section requires the Department of Education to establish summer foreign language academy guidelines and a grant program using federal education dollars. They must annually report on the program.

Section 1534. Monthly Reports to School Directors; Districts Second, Third and Fourth Class. (1949)

This section requires all teachers in districts of the second, third and fourth class to report on a monthly basis to the school board the number of days the schools were kept open, reasons for days closed, the number, age, sex and attendance records for each student. No teacher shall be paid more than half of his or her salary until the report is made.

Section 1547. Alcohol, Chemical and Tobacco Abuse Program, Subsection (h) (1990)

This section required the Department of Education, in 1992 only, to report on the 1991-1992 school activities pertaining to this program.

Article XV-B. Read to Succeed Program (1999) includes:

Section 1501-B. Establishment of Program, Section 1502-B. Eligibility Requirements, Section 1503-B. Program Requirements, Section 1504-B. Technical Assistance and Monitoring, and Section 1505-B. Reports.

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This article established the “Read to Succeed” Program. It was a competitive grant program to school districts and charter schools to build reading skills for students in grades, kindergarten through third.

Section 1516-D. Reporting. (2007).

This section requires the Department of Education to report on the Pre-K Counts grant program.

Section 1503-E. Department Duties and Powers, Subsection (10). (2004)

This section requires the Department of Education to report on the administration and operation of programs and grants awarded under the Character Education Grant Program.

Section 1803. Duties of State Board for Vocational Education; Reports, Portion of the Section. (1965).

A portion of this section requires the State Board for Vocational Education to annually report and make recommendations on the condition and progress of vocational education.

Section 1804. Schools or Classes; Supervisors; Principals; Instructors, etc. (1970)

This section requires the Federal Board for Vocational Education approve the State Plan for Vocational Education. It also requires Public Service Institute membership on the State Board for Vocational Education.

Section 1811. Estimate of Expenses and Reimbursements; Appropriations. (1961)

This section requires the State Board for Vocational Education to annually report to the Legislature the amount necessary to meet the expenditures of the act. The Legislature must then make an appropriation to meet this expense.

Section 1923. Teachers of Evening Schools. (1949)

This section requires teachers of evening school to have proper certification.

Section 1906.1-B. Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees, Portion of Subsection (c). (2002)

This portion of subsection (c) requires the State Board of Education to recommend approval or disapproval of the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology’s annual budget.

Section 1916-B. Annual Report. (2002)

This section requires the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology board of trustees to submit an annual report.

Section 2002-C. Duties of Public Institutions of Higher Education, Subsection (b) Reporting Requirements. (2006)

Subsection (b) required institutions of higher education to submit interim reports to the Department of Education on December 31, 2006, June 30, 2007, and December 31, 2007.

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Article XXII-A. Medical Education Loan Assistance. (2001) includes:

Section 2201-A. Scope; Section 2202-A. Purpose; Section 2203-A. Definitions; Section 2211-A. Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program; Section 2212-A. Loan Guarantor Program; Section 2213-A. Loan Forgiveness Program; Section 2214-A. Tax Applicability; Section 2231-A. Annual Report; Section 2232-A. Appeals; Section 2233-A. Regulations; and Section 2234-A. Funding.

This article established the “Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program”. It was a financial assistance program for students pursuing higher education and training in medicine, professional nursing, biomedicine and the life sciences.

Section 2596. Special Study on the Revenue Impact of Out-of-State Tax Credits. (1988)

This section required the Department of Education, in 1989 only, to report on the revenue impact on Pennsylvania schools districts of residents who work in bordering states.

Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board, Subsection (c). (1988)

This subsection requires the State Board of Education to develop an annual operating budget including the projected operating expenses of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission.

Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board, Subsection (d) (4). (1988)

This subsection grants authority to the State Board of Education to receive and administer grants from the federal government for development of academic facilities and to report these activities annually to the Governor.

Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board, Subsection (d) (10). (1988)

This subsection has expired. It granted the State Board of Education the ability to approve or disapprove proposed standards in order to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board, Subsection (h). (1988)

This subsection requires the State Board of Education to adopt a master plan for higher education every five years.

Section 2605-B. Reports and Recommendations. (1988)

This section requires the State Board of Education to annually report its activities and recommendations for improvements in education to the Governor and General Assembly. It may also make reports and requests to the General Assembly on legislation, educational policy, programs and issues as it sees fit.

Effective Date: 60 days.

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