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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 for the definition of
7 "compulsory school age."

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,
12 amended June 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), is 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, may attend the
16 public schools in his district, subject to the provisions of
17 this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
18 contrary, a child who attains the age of twenty-one (21) years
19 during the school term and who has not graduated from high

1 school may continue to attend the public schools in his district
2 free of charge until the end of the school term. The board of
3 school directors of any school district may admit to the schools
4 of the district, with or without the payment of tuition, any
5 non-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. Section 1326 of the act is amended to read:

10 Section 1326. Definitions.--The term "compulsory school
11 age," as hereinafter used, shall mean the period of a child's
12 life from the time the child's parents elect to have the child
13 enter school, which shall be not later than at the age of [eight
14 (8)] five (5) years, until the age of seventeen (17) years. The
15 term shall not include any child who holds a certificate of
16 graduation from a regularly accredited senior high school.

17 The term "migratory child," wherever used in this subdivision
18 of this article, shall include any child domiciled temporarily
19 in any school district for the purpose of seasonal employment,
20 but not acquiring residence therein, and any child accompanying
21 his parent or guardian who is so domiciled.

22 Section 3. The amendment of sections 1301 and 1326 of the
23 act shall apply to the academic year following the effective
24 date of this act and each academic year thereafter.

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 90 days.