

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BURGOS, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, RABB, SANCHEZ, PROBST, KENYATTA, MAYES, FREEMAN, CERRATO, STEELE, BRENNAN, RIVERA, K.HARRIS, SHUSTERMAN, JAMES AND DOUGHERTY, APRIL 23, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 23, 2025

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,
6 providing for foreign language.

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 1529. Foreign Language.--(a) Beginning with the
13 2026-2027 school year, the Department of Education shall develop
14 a toolkit and curriculum guidelines for instruction on foreign
15 languages for all public school students.

16 (b) Each school district shall create a foreign language
17 curriculum for grades kindergarten through twelve utilizing the
18 foreign language toolkit and curriculum guidelines developed by
19 the Department of Education under subsection (a) and may choose

1 the foreign language that relates most to the demographics of
2 the district for the curriculum.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.