

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1561 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY NELSON, TOPPER, ROEBUCK, WARD, MILNE, ROTHMAN,
D. MILLER, WALSH, DUSH, DALEY, ROE AND CALTAGIRONE,
JUNE 16, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 16, 2017

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 State standardized testing requirements.

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. State Standardized Testing Requirements.--(a)
13 The Department of Education shall revise its 2018 schedule for
14 the administration of the PSSA test to provide that testing
15 shall begin no earlier than May 7, 2018. In subsequent years,
16 the administration of the PSSA test shall begin three weeks
17 prior to the Memorial Day holiday.

18 (b) For the 2017-2018 school year, the Department of
19 Education shall transmit the PSSA test and Keystone Exam results

1 to a school entity's chief school administrator no later than
2 August 15, 2018. In subsequent years, the Department of
3 Education shall transmit the results no later than August 15
4 following the conclusion of test administration.

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