

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 228 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY GAYDOS, HILL-EVANS, DRISCOLL, GLEIM AND MENTZER,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 25, 2021

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 report on academic impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

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 129. Report on Academic Impact of COVID-19  
13 Pandemic.--(a) The Joint State Government Commission shall  
14 conduct a study and issue reports under subsection (b) on the  
15 academic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students in school  
16 entities, which shall include the methods of instruction which  
17 are most successful for students.

18 (b) The reports shall be submitted as follows:

19 (1) An initial report shall be submitted within thirty (30)  
20 days of the effective date of this section.

1 (2) An interim report shall be submitted within sixty (60)  
2 days after the submission of the initial report under paragraph  
3 (1).

4 (3) A final report shall be submitted within sixty (60) days  
5 after the submission of the interim report under paragraph (2).

6 (c) The reports shall be submitted to the chair and minority  
7 chair of the Education Committee of the Senate and the chair and  
8 minority chair of the Education Committee of the House of  
9 Representatives.

10 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
12 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "COVID-19 pandemic." As identified in the proclamation of  
14 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,  
15 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of  
16 the state of disaster emergency.

17 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area  
18 career and technical school, charter school, regional charter  
19 school or cyber charter school.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.