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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 18, 2014

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 penalties for violations of compulsory  
7 attendance requirements.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1333(a)(1) of the act of March 10, 1949  
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
12 amended November 17, 1995 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1110, No.29), is  
13 amended to read:

14 Section 1333. Penalties for Violation of Compulsory  
15 Attendance Requirements.--(a) (1) Every parent, guardian, or  
16 person in parental relation, having control or charge of any  
17 child or children of compulsory school age, who shall  
18 intentionally fail to comply with the provisions of this act  
19 regarding compulsory attendance, shall on summary conviction

1 thereof, be sentenced to [pay a fine, for the benefit of the  
2 school district in which such offending person resides, not  
3 exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) and to pay court costs or  
4 be sentenced to] complete a parenting education program offered  
5 and operated by a local school district, medical institution or  
6 other community resources, or perform community service. [, and,  
7 in default of the payment of such fine and costs or completion  
8 of the parenting program by the person so offending, shall be  
9 sentenced to the county jail for a period not exceeding five (5)  
10 days. Any person sentenced to pay any such fine may appeal to  
11 the court of common pleas of the proper county, upon entering  
12 into a recognizance, with one or more proper sureties, in double  
13 the amount of penalty and costs.] Before any proceedings are  
14 instituted against any parent, guardian, or person in parental  
15 relation, for failure to comply with the provisions of this act,  
16 the district superintendent, attendance officer, or secretary of  
17 the board of school directors, shall give the offending person  
18 three (3) days' written notice of such violation. If, after such  
19 notice has been given, the provisions of this act regarding  
20 compulsory attendance are again violated by the persons so  
21 notified, at any time during the term of compulsory attendance,  
22 such person, so again offending, shall be liable under the  
23 provisions of this section without further notice.

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