
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2713 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY DAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 12, 2018

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 suspension and expulsion of pupils.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1318 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1318. Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils.--(a)
13 Every principal or teacher in charge of a public school may
14 temporarily suspend any pupil on account of disobedience or
15 misconduct, and any principal or teacher suspending any pupil
16 shall promptly notify the district superintendent or secretary
17 of the board of school directors. The board may, after a proper
18 hearing, suspend such child for such time as it may determine,
19 or may permanently expel him. Such hearings, suspension, or
20 expulsion may be delegated to a duly authorized committee of the

1 board, or to a duly qualified hearing examiner, who need not be
2 a member of the board, but whose adjudication must be approved
3 by the board.

4 (b) The board shall review each public school's expulsion
5 policies to ensure expelled students do not pose a threat of
6 violence or physical harm to other students, faculty, staff or
7 themselves.

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