THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2974 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, TOEPEL, GREINER, BERNSTINE, RYAN, COX, MILLARD, FEE, DAVANZO, KAUFFMAN, GLEIM AND KEEFER, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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 school safety and security,
6   providing for nonpublic school exemption.

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 1314-B. Nonpublic school exemption.

13   (a) Exemption for nonpublic school.--Notwithstanding any

14 other provision of law, for the 2020-2021 school year, a

15 nonpublic school or home education program in this Commonwealth

16 shall be exempt from the requirements of any declaration by the

17 Governor of disaster emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c)

18 (relating to general authority of Governor) or any order by the

19 Secretary of Health under the laws of this Commonwealth.

1   (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

2   words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

3   subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

4   "Home education program." As defined in section 1327.1.

5   "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, home school group,

6   one-room school, church school or school other than a public

7   school in this Commonwealth wherein a resident of this

8   Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school

9   attendance requirements of Article XV and which meet the

10   requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public

11   Law 88-352, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 et seq.).

12   Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.