

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 552 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, HAMM, M. MACKENZIE, STAMBAUGH,  
KAUFFMAN, JAMES, T. JONES, GLEIM AND KEEFER, MARCH 20, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 20, 2023

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 terms and courses of study,  
6 providing for nonpublic school and home education program  
7 exemption.

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 1507. Nonpublic School and Home Education Program  
14 Exemption.--(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, 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.

20 (b) As used in this section, the following words and phrases

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
2 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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

4 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, home school group,  
5 one-room school, church school or school other than a public  
6 school in this Commonwealth wherein a resident of this  
7 Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school  
8 attendance requirements of this article and which meet the  
9 requirements of 42 U.S.C. Ch. 21 (relating to civil rights).

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.