

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 686 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BISHOP, CARROLL, COHEN, FABRIZIO,  
GIBBONS, HARKINS, C. HARRIS, KORTZ, O'BRIEN AND PETRI,  
FEBRUARY 13, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for Public School Employees'  
3 Retirement Board.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 8501(a) of Title 24 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8501. Public School Employees' Retirement Board.

9 (a) Status and membership.--The board shall be an  
10 independent administrative board and shall consist of [15] the  
11 following members: the Secretary of Education, ex officio; the  
12 State Treasurer, ex officio; two Senators; two members of the  
13 House of Representatives; the executive secretary of the  
14 Pennsylvania School Boards Association, ex officio; [two] three  
15 to be appointed by the Governor, [at least one of whom shall not  
16 be a] none of whom shall be either a current or former school  
17 employee or an officer or employee of the State, and who must  
18 possess financial, investment or legal experience; three to be

1 elected by the active professional members of the system from  
2 among their number; [one] three to be elected by annuitants from  
3 among their number; one to be elected by the active  
4 nonprofessional members of the system from among their number;  
5 and [one] two to be elected by members of Pennsylvania public  
6 school boards from among their number. The appointments made by  
7 the Governor shall be confirmed by the Senate and each election  
8 shall be conducted in a manner approved by the board. The terms  
9 of the appointed and nonlegislative elected members shall be  
10 three years. The members from the Senate shall be appointed by  
11 the President pro tempore of the Senate and shall consist of one  
12 member from the majority and one member from the minority. The  
13 members from the House of Representatives shall be appointed by  
14 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall consist of  
15 one member from the majority and one member from the minority.  
16 The legislative members shall serve on the board for the  
17 duration of their legislative terms and shall continue to serve  
18 until 30 days after the convening of the next regular session of  
19 the General Assembly after the expiration of their respective  
20 legislative terms or until a successor is appointed for the new  
21 term, whichever occurs first. The chairman of the board shall be  
22 elected by the board members. Each ex officio member of the  
23 board, each elected member of the board and each legislative  
24 member of the board may appoint a duly authorized designee to  
25 act in his stead. The designee appointed by a member elected by  
26 the active professional members of the system must be an active  
27 professional member of the system. The designee appointed by a  
28 member elected by annuitants must be an annuitant. The designee  
29 appointed by a member elected by the active nonprofessional  
30 members of the system must be an active nonprofessional member

1 of the system. The designee appointed by a member elected by  
2 members of the Pennsylvania public school boards must be a  
3 member of a Pennsylvania public school board.

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5 Section 2. Nothing in this act may preempt or supersede the  
6 terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect on the  
7 effective date of this act for the term of that collective  
8 bargaining agreement unless otherwise agreed to in writing by  
9 the parties to the collective bargaining agreement.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 30 days.