

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 140 Session of 2015

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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 duties and powers of boards of
 6 school directors, further providing for kindergartens.
 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 503 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
 10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended
 11 September 21, 1959 (P.L.925, No.373) and October 21, 1965
 12 (P.L.601, No.312), is amended to read:

13 Section 503. Kindergartens.--(a) The board of school
 14 directors in any school district may establish and maintain
 15 kindergartens for children between the ages of [four] three and
 16 six years. When established, the kindergartens shall be an
 17 integral part of the elementary school system of the district,
 18 and be kept open for not less than two and one-half hours each
 19 day for the full school term as provided in section 1501.

20 (b) The number of kindergartens in any one district shall be
 21 fixed by the board of school directors, and shall be open during

1 the school year. When established, kindergartens shall be
2 available to all children residing in the school district who
3 are of the age fixed under subsection (a) of this section.

4 [If the average attendance in any one kindergarten in any
5 district is ten or less for the school year, the school
6 directors shall, at the close of the school year, discontinue
7 the same.]

8 (c) The board of school directors shall appoint and assign a
9 sufficient number of teachers to such kindergartens, who shall
10 be certified in accordance with the rules and regulations
11 prescribed by the [Council of Basic Education] State Board of
12 Education.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, or
14 immediately, whichever is later.