

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR ARGALL, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 online curriculum availability.

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 1529. Online Curriculum Availability.--(a)
13 Beginning with the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 school year and each <--
14 school year thereafter, a school entity shall post an Internet
15 link or title for every textbook used by the school entity, a
16 course syllabus or a written summary of each instructional
17 course and the State academic standards for each instructional
18 course offered by the school entity on its publicly accessible
19 Internet website. The information shall be updated no later than

1 thirty (30) business days after each time the list of textbooks,
2 syllabi, course descriptions or State academic standards used by
3 the school entity is revised.

4 (b) The chief school administrator or a designee shall be
5 responsible for implementing the requirements under subsection
6 (a).

7 (c) In no case shall the requirements of this section be
8 construed to require a school entity to violate the copyright,
9 trademark or other intellectual property right of the creator or
10 owner of the curriculum.

11 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
13 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Chief school administrator." The superintendent of a school
15 district, administrative director of an area career and
16 technical school, executive director of an intermediate unit or
17 chief executive officer of a charter school, cyber charter
18 school or regional charter school.

19 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area
20 career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter
21 school or regional charter school.

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