

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 390 Session of 2023

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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 pupils and attendance, further  
 6 providing for immunization required and penalty.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1303(d) of the act of March 10, 1949  
 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
 11 amended to read:

12 Section 1303. Immunization Required; Penalty.--\* \* \*

13 (d) (1) The provisions of this section shall not apply in  
 14 the case of any child whose parent or guardian [objects in  
 15 writing to such immunization on religious grounds.] submits in  
 16 lieu of a certificate of vaccination a written objection of  
 17 religious belief or moral or ethical conviction.

18 (2) The objection shall be on a form developed by the  
 19 Department of Health that includes a certification by a person  
 20 authorized to administer immunizations within this Commonwealth

1 that the person provided the parent or guardian of the child  
2 with scientifically accepted information prescribed by the  
3 Department of Health on the benefits and risks of immunization.

4 Section 2. This act shall apply to school years commencing  
5 more than six months following the effective date of this  
6 section.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.