

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 429 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 school finances, further providing
 6 for distress in school districts of the first class.

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

9 Section 1. Section 696(n) of the act of March 10, 1949
 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
 11 amended October 30, 2001 (P.L.828, No.83), is amended to read:

12 Section 696. Distress in School Districts of the First
 13 Class.--* * *

14 (n) The [Secretary of Education, only upon the
 15 recommendation of a majority of the School Reform Commission]
 16 Governor, after proper investigation of the district's financial
 17 condition, the administrative practices of the School Reform
 18 Commission and other matters deemed appropriate by the Secretary
 19 of Education, may issue a declaration to dissolve the School
 20 Reform Commission if the Governor determines that dissolving the

1 School Reform Commission is in the best interests of the
2 students of the school district. The dissolution declaration
3 shall be issued at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to
4 the end of the current school year and shall be effective at the
5 end of that school year. Except as otherwise provided in this
6 section, after dissolution the board of school directors shall
7 have the powers and duties of the School Reform Commission.

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