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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 terms and courses of study,  
6 providing for proposed curriculum changes and online  
7 curriculum availability.

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 1529. Proposed Curriculum Changes; Online Curriculum  
14 Availability.--(a) All proposed curriculum changes in a school  
15 district must be presented at a regular meeting of the board of  
16 school directors and may not be approved by the board of school  
17 directors until the next regular meeting.

18 (b) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school  
19 year thereafter, a school entity shall post an Internet link or  
20 title for every primary resource used by the school entity, a

1 course syllabus or a written summary of each instructional  
2 course and the State academic standards for each instructional  
3 course offered by the school entity on the school entity's  
4 publicly accessible Internet website. The information shall be  
5 updated no later than thirty (30) business days after the list  
6 of primary resources, syllabi, course descriptions or State  
7 academic standards used by the school entity is revised.

8 (c) The chief school administrator or a designee shall be  
9 responsible for implementing the requirements under subsection  
10 (b).

11 (d) This section shall not be construed to require a school  
12 entity to violate the copyright, trademark or other intellectual  
13 property right of the creator or owner of the curriculum.

14 (e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
15 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
16 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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

22 "Primary resource." A textbook, resource and online  
23 materials approved by the governing board of the school entity  
24 that are used as the base or primary source of instruction for  
25 the course and used consistently by a majority of students in  
26 the course.

27 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area  
28 career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter  
29 school or regional charter school.

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