
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY RYNCAVAGE AND PROBST, JUNE 14, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 14, 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 pupils and attendance, providing
6 for use of geolocation system for attendance in cyber school
7 program.

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 1327.4. Use of Geolocation System for Attendance in
14 Cyber School Program.--(a) A cyber school shall use a
15 geolocation system to confirm attendance of its students.

16 (b) A cyber school shall establish a procedure for a parent
17 or legal guardian of a student to request and obtain a temporary
18 exception for the student from the geolocation system for a
19 reasonable period of time, so long as the parent or legal
20 guardian maintains residency within the school district.

21 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
2 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Cyber school" includes:

4 (1) a cyber charter school defined under section 1703-A; and

5 (2) an online school or program provided by a school
6 district.

7 "Geolocation system" means a mechanism to:

8 (1) detect and confirm the physical location of a student
9 with the student's school district of residence when the student
10 accesses a cyber school's online learning management system;

11 (2) dynamically monitor the student's location; and

12 (3) block an attempt to access the online learning
13 management system throughout the online learning session when
14 the student is outside the student's school district of
15 residence.

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