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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, DECEMBER 30, 2021

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 further providing for pandemic of 2020.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1501.8(a) and (n) of the act of March 10,
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended November 25, 2020 (P.L.1294, No.136), are amended and
12 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 1501.8. Pandemic of 2020.--(a) Except as provided
14 in [subsection (m.1)] subsections (m.1) and (m.2), this section
15 applies only to the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the
16 [global pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on
17 March 11, 2020] pandemic of 2020.

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19 (m.2) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the following shall

1 apply to as a result of the pandemic of 2020:

2 (1) Subsection (c) (3) shall apply to the 2020-2021 and
3 2021-2022 school years.

4 (2) For the 2020-2021 and 2021-20222 school years, each
5 school entity shall adopt and follow a protocol for deep,
6 regular cleaning and sanitization in each school building
7 that complies with the guidance of the Centers for Disease
8 Control and Prevention and ensures that custodial staff are
9 provided with appropriate cleaning materials and personal
10 protective equipment. Each school entity shall post the
11 adopted protocol on its publicly accessible Internet website.

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

15 "NIMS assessment." An assessment based on the National
16 Institute for Metalworking Skills standards.

17 "NOCTI exam." A National Occupational Competency Testing
18 Institute exam.

19 "Pandemic of 2020." The global pandemic declared by the
20 World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.

21 "School entity." Any school district, intermediate unit,
22 area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter
23 school or regional charter school a child attends in order to
24 fulfill the compulsory attendance requirements of this act.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.