
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 958 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND AND BERNSTINE, MARCH 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 25, 2019

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 alternative instruction without technology.

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

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

12 Section 1528. Alternative Instruction Without Technology.--

13 (a) Upon receipt of a written request from a child's parent or
14 guardian to have the child excused from specific instruction in
15 which the child is required to use technology, a school entity
16 shall provide the child with alternative instruction that does
17 not require the child to use technology.

18 (b) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
20 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1 "School entity." A public school district, intermediate
2 unit, area vocational-technical school, charter school or
3 regional charter school. The term does not include a cyber
4 charter school as defined in section 1703-A.

5 "Technology." Any equipment by means of which a user is
6 provided with access to the Internet.

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