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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 online curriculum availability.

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 1529. Online Curriculum Availability.--(a)
13 Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and each school year
14 thereafter, a school entity shall post an Internet link or title
15 for every textbook used by the school entity, a course syllabus
16 or a written summary of each instructional course and the State
17 academic standards for each instructional course offered by the
18 school entity on its publicly accessible Internet website. The
19 information shall be updated no later than thirty (30) business
20 days after each time the list of textbooks, syllabi, course

1 descriptions or State academic standards used by the school
2 entity is revised.

3 (b) The chief school administrator or a designee shall be
4 responsible for implementing the requirements under subsection
5 (a).

6 (c) In no case shall the requirements of this section be
7 construed to require a school entity to violate the copyright,
8 trademark or other intellectual property right of the creator or
9 owner of the curriculum.

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

13 "Chief school administrator." The superintendent of a school
14 district, administrative director of an area career and
15 technical school, executive director of an intermediate unit or
16 chief executive officer of a charter school, cyber charter
17 school or regional charter school.

18 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area
19 career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter
20 school or regional charter school.

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