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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL No. 315 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY CULVER, BROWN, PENNYCUICK, FONTANA, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, STEFANO, SCHWANK, DUSH, L. WILLIAMS, FARRY AND MALONE, FEBRUARY 26, 2025, AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, IN SENATE, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

SECTION 1607. ATTENDANCE IN OTHER DISTRICTS.

(B.3) FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ELIMINATED ITS HIGH SCHOOL UNDER SUBSECTION (B), IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROJECT TEAM WHICH SHALL CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EDUCATIONAL, FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

(1) THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE A FEASIBILITY TO ANALYZE CONSOLIDATION WITH NO LESS THAN THREE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WHOSE BORDERS ARE NO MORE THAN SEVEN MILES FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BORDER.

(2) THE FEASIBILITY STUDY SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS AND SERVICES, FACILITIES UTILIZATION AND CAPITAL PLANNING, FISCAL ANALYSES, GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP STRUCTURES, OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES AND STAKEHOLDER CONSIDERATIONS.

(3) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ELIMINATED ITS HIGH SCHOOL UNDER SUBSECTION (B) AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE PROJECT TEAM CONDUCTING THE ASSESSMENT.

(4) THE PROJECT TEAM SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT, INCLUDING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Approved November 12, 2025, by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania and signed into law by Josh Shapiro, Governor

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