

Publisher's Introduction

This edition of *Pennsylvania School Laws and Rules Annotated*, as with previous editions, is edited by Michael I. Levin.

Pennsylvania School Laws and Rules Annotated continues to be an essential resource for attorneys, boards of education, school administrators, teachers, students, and others concerned with education and the law in Pennsylvania. This edition contains all of the materials needed for researching and referencing statutory and regulatory provisions governing education in the Commonwealth. For additional information, please consult the User's Guide.

To continue your research at the federal level, West's publication, *United States School Laws and Rules*, includes the full text of federal laws and regulations in a compact single source, making access to federal materials quick and easy.

New features and recent developments in this edition include:

- Updated statutes and regulations
- All other materials fully updated, including all Basic Education Circulars (BECs) and Certification and Staffing Policy Guidelines (CSPGs)

The General Assembly enacted several statutes on November 12, 2025—near the conclusion of the production schedule for this edition. These enactments include:

- Act 1A of 2025 (formerly SB 160) – General Appropriations
- Act 45 of 2025 (formerly HB 416)
- Act 46 of 2025 (formerly HB 749)
- Act 47 of 2025 (formerly SB 315)

Although these Acts were passed late in the publication cycle, we have strived to update the statutory text to incorporate all amendments made by Acts 1A, 45, 46, and 47 of 2025. Because of the compressed schedule, however, the editorial “credits” (the source and amendment history notes that normally appear at the end of each statutory section) could not be updated for every affected provision in this edition. Those credits will be reviewed and fully updated in the next release.

Readers should therefore be aware that even if a section's credit line does not yet reflect the 2025 amendments, the text itself is current and includes all changes enacted through November 12, 2025.

Thomson Reuters strives continually to assure that with each annual edition, the work will remain the most comprehensive and timely publication of its kind on the market. We encourage and appreciate your comments and suggestions for improvements to future editions.

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