



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### Senate Bill 227 Printer's No. 210

Prime Sponsor: Eichelberger  
Committee: Education

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Senate Bill 227 would reduce the statutory mandate for automatic renewal of a superintendent or assistant superintendent's term, absent school board action.

#### **SUMMARY/ANALYSIS:**

Currently, Section 1073 of the Public School Code provides that, within 150 days of the expiration of a superintendent contract, a school board must take action at a regular meeting to notify the superintendent whether it intends to retain the superintendent for a like term or has decided to seek consider other individuals for the position. If such action is not taken, the superintendent's contract is automatically renewed for another similar term.

Senate Bill 227 would reduce the timing for a "public" meeting from 150 days to 90 days, and also provide that if no action is taken, the superintendent's term is automatically extended for one year. The bill further provides that: "The notification shall not prevent the superintendent from being considered for or appointed to a further term of office notwithstanding the consideration of other candidates."

Section 1077 of the Public School Code contains a virtually identical provision pertaining to assistant superintendents and their automatic renewal. Senate Bill 227 would make the same changes as above, and also allows a district to renew an assistant's contract for a term that coincides with the superintendent's term.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

The Act would take effect in 60 days.

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