

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 26, 2018

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 safe schools, providing for school
6 resource officers and equipment.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 declares that this act shall be known and may be cited as the
9 School Violence Prevention Act.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

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

15 Section 1303.2-A. School Resource Officers and Equipment.--

16 (a) Within one year of the effective date of this section, each
17 public school entity and nonpublic school shall:

18 (1) Assign at least one school resource officer to each

1 school building.

2 (2) Designate a point or points of entry and exit in each
3 school building through which each individual must enter and
4 exit, except in the event of a fire drill, school security drill
5 or emergency evacuation.

6 (3) Equip each point of entry and exit under paragraph (2)
7 with at least one metal detector.

8 (4) Equip each exterior door of a school building that has
9 not been designated a point of entry and exit with:

10 (i) a clearly marked sign designating the door as an
11 emergency exit only; and

12 (ii) an audible alarm that sounds when the door is opened.

13 (b) A school resource officer assigned to a school building
14 shall:

15 (1) Be present at all times in the school building during
16 the school day and extracurricular activities that occur outside
17 the school day in the school building.

18 (2) Screen each individual who enters the school building.

19 (c) A professional employe who has been trained by the
20 school resource officer to perform the duties under subsection
21 (b) may perform these duties in lieu of the school resource
22 officer.

23 (d) As used in this section:

24 "Nonpublic school" shall mean a nonprofit school, other than
25 a public school within this Commonwealth, wherein a resident of
26 this Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
27 attendance requirements of this act and which meets the
28 applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
29 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

30 "Public school entity" shall mean a school district,

1 intermediate unit, charter school, regional charter school or
2 area vocational-technical school.

3 "School building" shall mean a building owned by or under the
4 control of a public school entity or nonpublic school where
5 classes are taught or extracurricular activities are conducted
6 on a regular basis.

7 "School resource officer" shall mean an individual who:

8 (1) Is employed or contracted by a public school entity or
9 nonpublic school.

10 (2) Maintains a current and valid certification in the use
11 and handling of a firearm issued under any of the following:

12 (i) 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police
13 education and training).

14 (ii) The act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235), known as
15 the "Lethal Weapons Training Act."

16 (iii) The act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as
17 the "Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Act."

18 (iv) The act of December 13, 2005 (P.L.432, No.79), known as
19 the "Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act."

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