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INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, PIELLI, McNEILL,  
OTTEN, GREINER, SANCHEZ, DONAHUE, SCHLOSSBERG, HOWARD,  
STEELE, CERRATO, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ AND CONKLIN, MARCH 24, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 24, 2025

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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 student supports, providing for  
6 parental notification of certain incidents required.

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 1314-A. Parental Notification of Certain Incidents  
13 Required.--(a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each  
14 school entity shall adopt a policy on how to notify the parents  
15 or legal guardians of each student who threatens suicide or is  
16 involved in an incident of bullying, as defined in section  
17 1303.1-A, inform each school entity employe and the parent or  
18 legal guardian of each student enrolled in the school entity of  
19 the policy and post the policy on the school entity's publicly

1 accessible Internet website. The policy adopted by a school  
2 entity under this subsection may be based upon the model policy  
3 developed by the department under subsection (c). If a school  
4 entity notifies a parent or legal guardian of an incident or  
5 threat required to be reported, the school entity shall:

6 (1) Produce and maintain a record verifying that the parent  
7 or legal guardian was notified of the incident or threat.

8 Records under this paragraph shall be exempt from access under  
9 the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-  
10 to-Know Law.

11 (2) Provide the parent or legal guardian with suicide  
12 prevention materials and information, which shall include  
13 information on ways to limit the student's access to fatal  
14 means, including a firearm or medication.

15 (b) A school entity shall:

16 (1) Provide a student with a copy of a record maintained  
17 under subsection (a) that relates to the student if the student  
18 requests a copy of the record.

19 (2) Expunge a school record maintained under subsection (a)  
20 that relates to the student if the student has graduated from  
21 high school and requests that the record be expunged.

22 (c) The department shall:

23 (1) Develop a model policy on how to notify the parents or  
24 legal guardians of a student that the student has threatened  
25 suicide or been involved in an incident of bullying and make the  
26 policy available to all school entities and, upon request, to  
27 nonpublic schools. The department may develop the model policy  
28 in consultation with a youth suicide prevention organization  
29 operating in this Commonwealth.

30 (2) Compile, develop and post on the department's publicly

1 accessible Internet website resources and age-appropriate  
2 educational materials on youth suicide awareness and prevention,  
3 including ways to limit a student's access to fatal means,  
4 including firearms and medication. The department shall make the  
5 resources and education materials available to all school  
6 entities and, upon request, to nonpublic schools.

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