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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, further
6 providing for definitions and for student supports; and, in
7 school safety and security, further providing for
8 definitions, for duties of committee, for standardized
9 protocols and for reporting and memorandum of understanding.

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

12 Section 1. The definitions of "chief school administrator"
13 and "school property" in section 1301-A of the act of March 10,
14 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
15 are amended to read:

16 Section 1301-A. Definitions.--As used in this article,

17 "Chief school administrator" shall mean the superintendent of
18 a public school district, superintendent of an area career and
19 technical school, executive director of an intermediate unit
20 [or], chief executive officer of a charter school or governing

1 body of a nonpublic school.

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3 "School property" shall mean any public or nonpublic school
4 grounds, any school-sponsored activity or any conveyance
5 providing transportation to a school entity, nonpublic school or
6 school-sponsored activity.

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8 Section 2. Section 1302-A(b) (5) of the act is amended to
9 read:

10 Section 1302-A. Student Supports.--* * *

11 (b) The Department of Education shall have the power and
12 duty to implement the following:

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14 (5) To develop in collaboration and coordination with the
15 School Safety and Security Committee established under section
16 1302-B forms to be used by school entities, nonpublic schools
17 and police departments for reporting incidents involving acts of
18 violence and possession of weapons on school property. The forms
19 shall be reviewed on a biennial basis and revised when
20 necessary.

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22 Section 3. The definition of "chief school administrator" in
23 section 1301-B of the act is amended to read:

24 Section 1301-B. Definitions.

25 The following words and phrases when used in this article
26 shall have the meaning given to them in this section unless the
27 context clearly indicates otherwise:

28 "Chief school administrator." [The superintendent of a
29 public school district, superintendent of an area career and
30 technical school, executive director of an intermediate unit or

1 chief executive officer of a charter school.] As defined in
2 section 1301-A.

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4 Section 4. Sections 1302.1-B(6) and (7), 1306.2-B(b)(1) and
5 (2) and 1319-B(b)(3), (c) introductory paragraph, (d)
6 introductory paragraph, (e) and (f) of the act are amended to
7 read:

8 Section 1302.1-B. Duties of committee.

9 The committee shall advance practices to improve the safety
10 and security of school entities within this Commonwealth,
11 including developing policies and providing resources, training,
12 guidance and assistance to schools and their partners. In
13 addition to other duties given to the committee under this
14 article, the committee shall have the following powers and
15 duties:

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17 (6) In collaboration and coordination with the
18 department, to verify that each school entity and nonpublic
19 school has complied with reporting and memorandum of
20 understanding requirements under section 1319-B.

21 (7) In collaboration and coordination with the
22 department, to publish and post on the commission's publicly
23 accessible Internet website a school safety annual report no
24 later than November 1 of each calendar year outlining all
25 incidents required to be reported under section 1319-B and
26 school entities and nonpublic schools that failed to submit a
27 report under section 1319-B.

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29 Section 1306.2-B. Standardized protocols.

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1 (b) Regulations.--No later than three years after the
2 effective date of this section, the committee shall promulgate
3 final-omitted regulations under the act of June 25, 1982
4 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, in
5 consultation with the department, necessary to implement this
6 article. The regulations shall include the following:

7 (1) A model memorandum of understanding between school
8 entities or nonpublic schools and law enforcement. The model
9 memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed at least once
10 every three years and revised where necessary. The committee
11 may revise the model memorandum of understanding by
12 transmitting a notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
13 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
14 Bulletin that contains the complete revised model memorandum
15 of understanding. The revised model memorandum of
16 understanding shall be incorporated into the Pennsylvania
17 Code and replace the existing model memorandum of
18 understanding.

19 (2) A protocol for the notification of the law
20 enforcement agency when an offense listed under section 1319-
21 B(b) (7) occurs on school property. The protocol shall include
22 a requirement that the school entity or nonpublic school
23 immediately notify the law enforcement agency when an offense
24 occurs.

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26 Section 1319-B. Reporting and memorandum of understanding.

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28 (b) Reporting by chief school administrator.--A chief school
29 administrator shall report to the department by July 31 of each
30 year all new incidents involving acts of violence, possession of

1 a weapon or possession, use or sale of controlled substances as
2 defined in the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as
3 The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or
4 possession, use or sale of alcohol or tobacco by any person on
5 school property. The report shall include all incidents
6 involving conduct that constitutes a criminal offense listed
7 under paragraphs (7) and (8). Reports, on a form to be developed
8 and provided by the department, in collaboration and
9 coordination with the committee, shall include:

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11 (3) The circumstances surrounding the incident,
12 including, but not limited to, the type of weapon, controlled
13 substance, alcohol or tobacco, the date, time and location of
14 the incident, if a person other than a student is involved in
15 the incident and any relationship of the person to the school
16 entity or nonpublic school.

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18 (c) Duties.--Prior to submitting the report required under
19 subsection (b), each chief school administrator and each law
20 enforcement agency having jurisdiction over school property of
21 the school entity or nonpublic school shall comply with the
22 following:

23 * * *

24 (d) Advisory committee.--A chief school administrator shall
25 form an advisory committee composed of relevant school staff,
26 including, but not limited to, principals, security personnel,
27 school safety and security coordinator, emergency services
28 personnel, school security personnel, guidance counselors and
29 special education administrators to assist in the development of
30 a memorandum of understanding under this section. In

1 consultation with the advisory committee, the chief school
2 administrator shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
3 with law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over school
4 property of the school entity or nonpublic school. The chief
5 school administrator shall submit a copy of the memorandum of
6 understanding to the department by June 30, 2024, or in the case
7 of a nonpublic school, by June 30, 2026, and biennially update
8 and re-execute a memorandum of understanding with law
9 enforcement and file the memorandum with the department on a
10 biennial basis. The memorandum of understanding shall be signed
11 by the chief school administrator, the chief of police of the
12 law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the relevant
13 school property and principals of each school building of the
14 school entity or nonpublic school. The memorandum of
15 understanding shall comply with the regulations promulgated
16 under section 1306.2-B and shall also include:

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18 (e) Construction.--Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(6)
19 (relating to procedural safeguards), nothing in section 1302.1-A
20 or this section shall be construed to prohibit a school entity
21 or nonpublic school from reporting a crime committed by a child
22 with a disability to appropriate authorities or to prevent State
23 law enforcement and judicial authorities from exercising their
24 responsibilities with regard to the application of Federal and
25 State law to crimes committed by a child with a disability.

26 (f) Noncompliance.--If a school entity, nonpublic school or
27 law enforcement agency fails to comply with the provisions of
28 this section, the school entity, nonpublic school or law
29 enforcement agency may not be awarded any grant administered by
30 the committee until such time as the school entity, nonpublic

1 school or law enforcement agency has complied with this section.

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3 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.