

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 327 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY GEBHARD, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK, CULVER, KANE, STEFANO, DUSH AND ROBINSON, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 17, 2025

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 THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER
6 EDUCATION, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND FOR POWERS
7 AND DUTIES OF COUNCILS OF TRUSTEES.
8 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for
10 automatic certification.

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

13 ~~Section 1. Section 2168 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania <--
14 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:~~

15 SECTION 1. THE DEFINITION OF "CAMPUS POLICE" IN SECTION <--
16 2001-A OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS
17 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, AMENDED JULY 17, 2024 (P.L.945,
18 NO.89), IS AMENDED TO READ:

19 SECTION 2001-A. DEFINITIONS.--THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND
20 PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS
21 ARTICLE, HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS, RESPECTIVELY, EXCEPT IN

1 THOSE INSTANCES WHERE THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES A DIFFERENT
2 MEANING:

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4 "CAMPUS POLICE" SHALL MEAN ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL
5 EMPLOYED BY THE SYSTEM WHO [HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A CAMPUS
6 POLICE COURSE OF TRAINING APPROVED] ARE CERTIFIED AS POLICE
7 OFFICERS UNDER 53 PA.C.S. CH. 21 SUBCH. D (RELATING TO MUNICIPAL
8 POLICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING).

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10 SECTION 2. SECTION 2009-A(A) (13) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO
11 READ:

12 SECTION 2009-A. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNCILS OF TRUSTEES.--
13 (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS
14 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, THE COUNCIL OF EACH INSTITUTION SHALL HAVE
15 THE POWER AND ITS DUTY SHALL BE:

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17 [(13) BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE
18 CAMPUS POLICE WHO HAVE COMPLETED FIREARMS TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE
19 WITH 53 PA.C.S. § 2167(A) (RELATING TO POLICE TRAINING) TO CARRY
20 FIREARMS IN THE COURSE OF DUTY FOR ANY INSTITUTION WHOSE CAMPUS
21 POLICE ARE AUTHORIZED TO CARRY FIREARMS ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
22 THIS PARAGRAPH, THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY FIREARMS SHALL REMAIN IN
23 EFFECT UNLESS THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION DISSOLVES SUCH
24 AUTHORITY.]

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26 SECTION 3. SECTION 2168 OF TITLE 53 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
27 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:
28 § 2168. Automatic certification.

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30 (f) Fort Indiantown Gap police officer certification.--An

1 installation police officer at Fort Indiantown Gap under 51
2 Pa.C.S. § 711 (relating to installation of police officers for
3 Fort Indiantown Gap and other designated Commonwealth military
4 installations and facilities) shall be eligible to maintain
5 certification if the installation police officer meets the
6 following:

7 (1) Satisfactorily completed the basic educational and
8 training requirements established under this subchapter.

9 (2) Satisfactorily completed the minimum number of in-
10 service training hours established by the commission and
11 required to maintain certification.

12 (3) Either:

13 (i) has an active certification on or after the
14 effective date of this subsection; or

15 (ii) was previously certified as a police officer by
16 the commission, which certification lapsed within the
17 last two years, and has been employed, with no lapse in
18 service, as an installation police officer at Fort
19 Indiantown Gap.

20 SECTION 4. A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY A COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF <--
21 AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNDER
22 SECTION 2009-A(A) (13) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
23 NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, THAT AUTHORIZES
24 CAMPUS POLICE TO CARRY FIREARMS SHALL BE VOID AND OF NO EFFECT
25 AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

26 Section ~~2~~ 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <--