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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; in school safety and security,
7 further providing for definitions, for School Safety and
8 Security Committee, for school safety and security assessment
9 providers, for School Safety and Security Grant Program, for
10 school safety and security coordinator, for school safety and
11 security training and for reporting and memorandum of
12 understanding; in school security, further providing for
13 training, for school resource officers, for school security
14 guards and for duties of commission; in Safe2Say Program,
15 further providing for intent, for definitions, for Safe2Say
16 Program and for annual report; in threat assessment, further
17 providing for definitions, for threat assessment teams and
18 for threat assessment guidelines, training and information
19 materials; and making editorial changes.

20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
21 hereby enacts as follows:

22 Section 1. The definition of "chief school administrator" in
23 section 1301-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14),
24 known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to read:

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

26 "Chief school administrator" shall mean the superintendent of

1 a public school district, superintendent of an area career and
2 technical school, executive director of an intermediate unit or
3 chief [executive officer] administrator of a charter school.

4 * * *

5 Section 2. The definition of "chief school administrator" in
6 section 1301-B of the act is amended to read:

7 Section 1301-B. Definitions.

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

11 "Chief school administrator." The superintendent of a public
12 school district, superintendent of an area career and technical
13 school, executive director of an intermediate unit or chief
14 [executive officer] administrator of a charter school.

15 * * *

16 Section 3. Section 1302-B(i) and (j)(1)(i) of the act are
17 amended to read:

18 Section 1302-B. School Safety and Security Committee.

19 * * *

20 (i) Cooperation.--[The] In cooperation with the committee,
21 the commission shall [cooperate with the committee to] establish
22 an Office of School Safety and Security and shall select staff
23 to be employed by the commission and assigned to assist the
24 committee in carrying out its duties.

25 (j) Executive committee.--

26 (1) The committee shall establish an executive committee
27 which shall meet, at a minimum, every two months to identify
28 and review current and emerging school safety issues,
29 including, but not limited to:

30 (i) data on issues and incidents reported through

1 the Safe2Say Something Program;

2 * * *

3 Section 4. Section 1304-B of the act is amended by adding
4 subsections to read:

5 Section 1304-B. School safety and security assessment
6 providers.

7 * * *

8 (d) Review of registered assessment providers.--Annually,
9 the committee shall select a sample of active registered school
10 safety and security assessment providers to submit a completed
11 assessment for review. The committee shall ensure all registered
12 school safety and security providers are reviewed every three
13 years. The registered provider may be required to correct
14 deficiencies identified in assessment materials.

15 (e) Removal.--Registered providers may be removed from the
16 registered provider list if the assessors are unresponsive or
17 inactive or if the assessment materials are determined to be
18 inconsistent with the approved assessment criteria under section
19 1303-B.

20 Section 5. Section 1306-B(h) (4) of the act is amended and
21 subsections (h) and (j) are amended by adding paragraphs to
22 read:

23 Section 1306-B. School Safety and Security Grant Program.

24 * * *

25 (h) School Safety and Security Fund.--

26 * * *

27 (4) The fund may only be used for the grant programs
28 authorized under this article and no money in the fund may be
29 transferred or diverted to any other purpose by
30 administrative action[.], except the committee may authorize

1 the use of unexpended, uncommitted money in the fund to be:

2 (i) Used for purposes of fulfilling training
3 requirements under Articles XIII-B, XIII-C and XIII-E.

4 (ii) (Reserved).

5 * * *

6 (7.1) No more than 3% of the money in the fund shall be
7 used for administrative costs associated with carrying out
8 the duties under this article.

9 * * *

10 (j) Specific purposes.--The committee shall provide grants
11 to school entities for programs that address school mental
12 health and safety and security, including:

13 * * *

14 (32) Cyber safety and security measures to prevent a
15 breach of the security of the system as defined in section 2
16 of the act of December 22, 2005 (P.L.474, No.94), known as
17 the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act.

18 * * *

19 Section 6. Section 1309-B(c) (2) and (d) of the act are
20 amended, subsection (c) (5.1) (iii) is amended by adding a clause
21 and subsection (c) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
22 Section 1309-B. School safety and security coordinator.

23 * * *

24 (c) Specific duties.--The school safety and security
25 coordinator shall:

26 * * *

27 (2) Coordinate training and resources for students and
28 school entity staff in matters relating to situational
29 awareness, trauma-informed approaches, behavioral health
30 awareness, suicide and bullying awareness, substance abuse

1 awareness and emergency procedures and training drills,
2 including fire, natural disaster, active shooter, hostage
3 situation [and], bomb threat and cyber safety and security
4 events.

5 (3.1) Coordinate school safety and security meetings
6 with school and building leadership, at least quarterly.

7 * * *

8 (5.1) No later than June 30, 2025, and each June 30
9 thereafter, make a report to the school entity's board of
10 directors on the school entity's current school security
11 personnel. The following apply:

12 * * *

13 (iii) Each report shall include:

14 * * *

15 (F) Beginning June 30, 2026, and each June 30
16 thereafter, an attendance report of school and
17 building personnel present at school safety and
18 security meetings, including yearly attendance
19 totals.

20 * * *

21 (d) Training required.--

22 (1) School administrators appointed as school safety and
23 security coordinators shall complete the seven hours of
24 training required under section 1316-B within one year [from
25 the time the first trainings that meet the criteria are
26 posted by the committee] of appointment.

27 (2) School administrators appointed as safety and
28 security coordinators [after trainings are posted shall
29 complete the training within one year of appointment] shall
30 complete any additional continuing education requirements as

1 adopted by the committee.

2 Section 7. Section 1310-B(a) introductory paragraph of the
3 act is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection
4 to read:

5 Section 1310-B. School safety and security training.

6 (a) School entity duties.--School entities, in consultation
7 with the school safety and security coordinator, shall provide
8 their employees with mandatory training on school safety and
9 security subject to the following based on the needs of the
10 school entity:

11 * * *

12 (a.2) Input.--Annually, the school safety and security
13 coordinator shall meet with school employees for input on the
14 training for the school entity under subsection (a).

15 * * *

16 Section 8. Section 1319-B(f) of the act is amended and
17 subsection (d) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

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

19 * * *

20 (d) Advisory committee.--A chief school administrator shall
21 form an advisory committee composed of relevant school staff,
22 including, but not limited to, principals, security personnel,
23 school safety and security coordinator, emergency services
24 personnel, school security personnel, guidance counselors and
25 special education administrators to assist in the development of
26 a memorandum of understanding under this section. In
27 consultation with the advisory committee, the chief school
28 administrator shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
29 with law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over school
30 property of the school entity. The chief school administrator

1 shall submit a copy of the memorandum of understanding to the
2 department by June 30, 2024, and biennially update and re-
3 execute a memorandum of understanding with law enforcement and
4 file the memorandum with the department on a biennial basis. The
5 memorandum of understanding shall be signed by the chief school
6 administrator, the chief of police of the law enforcement agency
7 with jurisdiction over the relevant school property and
8 principals of each school building of the school entity. The
9 memorandum of understanding shall comply with the regulations
10 promulgated under section 1306.2-B and shall also include:

11 * * *

12 (4) A procedure for timely coordination between the
13 school entity's threat assessment team and the law
14 enforcement agency, if necessary, pursuant to section 1302-E.

15 * * *

16 (f) Noncompliance.--If a school entity or law enforcement
17 agency fails to comply with the provisions of this section, the
18 school entity or law enforcement agency may not be awarded any
19 grant administered by the committee until such time as the
20 school entity or law enforcement agency has complied with this
21 section. No later than September 1 of each year, the department
22 shall provide the committee with a list of school entities that
23 have not reported information under this section to the
24 department.

25 * * *

26 Section 9. Sections 1305-C(a)(2)(i), 1313-C(a.1)(1), 1314-
27 C(b)(1) and 1315-C(1), Article XIII-D heading and section 1301-
28 D(3), (4), (5) and (6) of the act are amended to read:

29 Section 1305-C. Training.

30 (a) General rule.--A school police officer who has been

1 granted powers under section 1306-C(a) (3) or (b) or has been
2 authorized to carry a firearm must, before entering upon the
3 duties of the office, satisfy the following:

4 * * *

5 (2) (i) Successfully complete [the Basic School
6 Resource Officer Course offered by the National
7 Association of School Resource Officers or an equivalent
8 course of instruction approved by the commission.]
9 training for school security personnel in accordance with
10 the standards approved by the commission and with a
11 provider approved in accordance with section 1315-C.

12 * * *

13 Section 1313-C. School resource officers.

14 * * *

15 (a.1) Training.--

16 (1) Prior to entering upon the duties of the office, a
17 school resource officer shall successfully complete [the
18 Basic School Resource Officer Course offered by the National
19 Association of School Resource Officers or an equivalent
20 course of instruction approved by the commission.] training
21 for school security personnel in accordance with the
22 standards approved by the commission and with a provider
23 approved in accordance with section 1315-C.

24 * * *

25 Section 1314-C. School security guards.

26 * * *

27 (b) Training.--The following shall apply:

28 (1) Prior to entering upon the duties of the office, a
29 school security guard shall successfully complete [the Basic
30 School Resource Officer Course offered by the National

1 Association of School Resource Officers or an equivalent
2 course of instruction approved by the commission.] training
3 for school security personnel in accordance with the
4 standards approved by the commission and with a provider
5 approved in accordance with section 1315-C.

6 * * *

7 Section 1315-C. Duties of commission.

8 The commission shall have the following duties under this
9 article:

10 (1) [In conjunction with the department and the
11 Pennsylvania State Police, periodically reassess the training
12 requirements for all school security personnel, including the
13 Basic School Resource Officer Course offered by the National
14 Association of School Resource Officers.] The following:

15 (i) In consultation with the Pennsylvania State
16 Police, adopt minimum standards for training of school
17 security personnel who will provide school security
18 services in school entities and nonpublic schools. The
19 standards shall incorporate the subjects included in the
20 Basic School Resource Officer Course offered by the
21 National Association of School Resource Officers and
22 subjects specific to Pennsylvania law. The commission may
23 approve groups, organizations or other entities to
24 provide training under this paragraph.

25 (ii) The commission, in conjunction with the
26 Pennsylvania State Police, shall periodically reassess
27 the standards and training requirements for all school
28 security personnel.

29 * * *

30 ARTICLE XIII-D

SAFE2SAY SOMETHING PROGRAM

Section 1301-D. Intent.

The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

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(3) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Safe2Say Something Program be a one-stop shop for students, teachers and community members to report behavior perceived to be threatening to an individual or a school entity.

Reports made through the anonymous reporting system will be referred to local schools, law enforcement and/or organizations.

(4) The intent of the General Assembly is for the Safe2Say Something Program to supplement, not replace, 911 services. The Safe2Say Something Program is intended to facilitate increased communication between law enforcement, school districts and organizations.

(5) It is not the intent of the General Assembly that the Safe2Say Something Program be used as a disciplinary tool for school employees. However, there may be instances where information obtained through the program may be shared with and used by school officials.

(6) The Safe2Say Something Program is not meant to be a tool for law enforcement. However, there may be instances where information obtained through the program may be shared with and used by law enforcement.

Section 10. The definition of "program" in section 1302-D of the act is amended to read:

Section 1302-D. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 * * *

3 "Program." The Safe2Say Something Program established under
4 section 1303-D(a).

5 * * *

6 Section 11. Section 1303-D heading, (a) and (d) of the act
7 are amended, subsection (c) is amended by adding paragraphs and
8 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 Section 1303-D. Safe2Say Something Program.

10 (a) Establishment.--The Safe2Say Something Program is
11 established within the office.

12 * * *

13 (c) Program requirements.--Beginning January 14, 2019, the
14 program shall be responsible for the following:

15 * * *

16 (11) To develop a training program for school personnel
17 on the program which, at a minimum, should include training
18 on receiving, responding to and disposing of a report. The
19 office may partner with a third party to develop the training
20 program. The training program shall be made available to
21 school entities at no charge to the school entity.

22 (12) To provide technical assistance and support to the
23 program, as needed.

24 (13) To follow up and determine the outcome of a report
25 made to the program, including actions taken on the report.

26 (d) School entity.--Each school entity shall [develop]:

27 (1) Develop procedures for assessing and responding to
28 reports received from the program.

29 (2) The following shall apply:

30 (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii),

1 provide, in a form and manner determined by the office,
2 for a final disposition of each report received by the
3 school entity within 30 days of receipt of a report from
4 the program.

5 (ii) For a life safety event, provide for a final
6 disposition within 48 hours of the receipt of a report
7 from the program.

8 (e) Noncompliance.--The following shall apply to a school
9 entity that fails to submit final dispositions to the office:

10 (1) The office shall post on its publicly accessible
11 Internet website a list of each school entity that has not
12 submitted final dispositions to the office.

13 (2) The office shall report to the School Safety and
14 Security Committee the school entities that have not
15 submitted final dispositions to the office.

16 (3) The School Safety and Security Committee may not
17 award any grant administered by the committee to a school
18 entity that has not submitted final dispositions to the
19 office until the school entity has submitted final
20 dispositions to the office.

21 Section 12. Section 1307-D(b) of the act is amended by
22 adding paragraphs to read:

23 Section 1307-D. Annual report.

24 * * *

25 (b) Contents of report.--The report shall, at a minimum,
26 include:

27 * * *

28 (7.1) The total number of trainings received by school
29 entities from the office or a partner of the office.

30 (7.2) The total number of trainings of school personnel

1 on the program, including training on how to receive, respond
2 and dispose of reports from the program.

3 (7.3) A list of school entities that have not yet
4 completed training on how to receive, respond and dispose of
5 reports from the program.

6 * * *

7 Section 13. The definitions of "chief school administrator"
8 and "Safe2Say Program" in section 1301-E of the act are amended
9 to read:

10 Section 1301-E. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this article
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 * * *

15 "Chief school administrator." A superintendent of a school
16 district, executive director of an intermediate unit,
17 administrative director of an area career and technical school
18 or chief [executive officer] administrator of a charter school,
19 regional charter school or cyber charter school.

20 * * *

21 "Safe2Say Something Program." The Safe2Say Something Program
22 established under Article XIII-D.

23 * * *

24 Section 14. Section 1302-E(b)(1)(ii)(B)(IV) and (iv) of the
25 act are amended and subsection (b)(1)(ii)(B) is amended by
26 adding a subclause to read:

27 Section 1302-E. Threat assessment teams.

28 * * *

29 (b) Team requirements.--The following shall apply to teams
30 established under subsection (a):

1 (1) Each team shall:

2 * * *

3 (ii) Include:

4 * * *

5 (B) Other school staff or community resources
6 who may serve as regular team members or be consulted
7 during the threat assessment process, as appropriate,
8 and as determined necessary by the team, including:

9 * * *

10 (IV) The individual identified by the school
11 entity to receive reports from the Safe2Say
12 Something Program.

13 * * *

14 (VII) An individual who serves on a local or
15 county threat assessment team, if applicable.

16 (iv) Be responsible, at a minimum, for the
17 following:

18 (A) Making age-appropriate informational
19 materials available to students regarding recognition
20 of threatening or at-risk behavior that may present a
21 threat to the student, other students, school
22 employees, school facilities, the community or others
23 and how to report their concerns, including through
24 the Safe2Say Something Program.

25 (B) Making informational materials available to
26 school employees regarding recognition of threatening
27 or at-risk behavior that may present a threat to the
28 student, other students, school employees, school
29 facilities, the community or others and how to report
30 their concerns, including through the Safe2Say

1 Something Program.

2 (C) Ensuring that school employees are aware of
3 the staff members who are appointed to the team and
4 how to report threatening or at-risk behavior,
5 including through the Safe2Say [program] Something
6 Program.

7 (D) Assisting in assessing and responding to
8 reports received through the Safe2Say Something
9 Program. Where a school entity has only one team,
10 that team may also serve as the school entity's team
11 for assessing and responding to reports received
12 through the Safe2Say Something Program.

13 (E) Assessing and responding to reports of
14 students exhibiting self-harm or suicide risk factors
15 or warning signs as provided for under section 1526.

16 (F) Assessing, responding and making appropriate
17 determinations and referrals under subsection (c)
18 based on the information available to the team. The
19 team, when appropriate, may coordinate with the
20 student assistance program.

21 (G) Providing required information to the chief
22 school administrator or designee to make the report
23 provided for under subsection (a) (2) (v).

24 (H) Establishing protocols for timely
25 consultation between the team and law enforcement,
26 juvenile justice agencies, county agencies, health
27 care providers or behavioral service providers, as
28 appropriate, to refer students whose behavior
29 indicates a potential threat for additional
30 interventions or supports, including the exchange of

1 relevant information in accordance with Federal and
2 State law.

3 * * *

4 Section 15. Section 1303-E(a)(3)(ii) of the act is amended
5 to read:

6 Section 1303-E. Threat assessment guidelines, training and
7 information materials.

8 (a) Duties of committee.--No later than 180 days from the
9 effective date of this section, the committee shall:

10 * * *

11 (3) Develop model procedures and guidelines that school
12 entities may use in implementing this article. The model
13 procedures and guidelines shall, at a minimum:

14 * * *

15 (ii) Reflect best practices in identifying,
16 reporting, assessing and responding to threats, including
17 threats reported through the Safe2Say Something Program,
18 and coordinating with stakeholders.

19 * * *

20 Section 16. This act shall take effect immediately.