

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 383 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, EICHELBERGER, VULAKOVICH, MARTIN, WARD,  
HUTCHINSON, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY AND YAW, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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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 duties and powers of boards of  
6 school directors, providing for protection and defense of  
7 pupils.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

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

13 Section 510.3. Protection and Defense of Pupils.--(a) The  
14 board of school directors in a school district may establish a  
15 policy permitting school personnel access to firearms in the  
16 buildings or on the grounds of a school.

17 (b) School personnel permitted access to firearms in the  
18 buildings or on the grounds of a school by the board of school  
19 directors must:

20 (1) have a license to carry a concealed firearm; and

1 (2) maintain a current and valid certification in the use  
2 and handling of a firearm issued under:

3 (i) 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police  
4 education and training);

5 (ii) the act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235), known as  
6 the "Lethal Weapons Training Act";

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

9 (iv) the act of December 13, 2005 (P.L.432, No.79), known as  
10 the "Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act"; or

11 (v) any other firearms program that has been determined by  
12 the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police to be of  
13 sufficient scope and duration as to provide the participant with  
14 basic training in the use and handling of firearms.

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