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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," imposing additional duties
21 on the Department of Education relating to violence and
22 crimes in schools.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of section 1302, act
26 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative
27 Code of 1929," is amended and clauses are added to read:

1 Section 1302. Public Schools.--The Department of [Public
2 Instruction] Education shall have the power, and its duty shall
3 be:

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5 (m) To establish a system to gather and compile information
6 about violence and crimes committed against persons or property
7 on school grounds, including, but not limited to personal
8 assaults against students and teachers, property destruction,
9 and the sale and use of drugs. This system shall provide methods
10 for reporting such violence by employes and by schools.

11 (n) To provide, upon request, to State and Federal agencies
12 associated with juvenile justice and delinquency prevention
13 programs, information gathered pursuant to clause (m). The
14 department shall provide technical assistance to schools that
15 request such assistance.

16 (o) To provide information concerning the handling and
17 prevention of crime and violence on school property in local
18 school districts. The department shall insure that every
19 significant outbreak of violence shall be reported to the
20 police.

21 (p) The department shall prepare an information manual on
22 discipline to help teachers improve effective classroom
23 management techniques. This manual shall be ready in four months
24 of the effective date of this amendatory act and shall be
25 updated periodically to include any new research done on
26 techniques of discipline. It shall be sent to the superintendent
27 and the bargaining unit representative of each school district.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.