

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GRUPPO, FREEMAN, SEMMEL, BOOK, McHALE AND MOWERY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 3, 1984

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," mandating that all school districts
6 provide instruction for the safe driving of motor vehicles.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1519 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended October 21, 1965 (P.L.601, No.312), and January 26, 1966
12 (1965 P.L.1620, No.574), is amended to read:

13 Section 1519. Teaching of Safe Driving of Motor Vehicles.--

14 (a) [Any] Every school district [may] shall provide for the
15 teaching of safe driving of motor vehicles in the elementary and
16 secondary schools of the district or in the secondary schools
17 only, in accordance with the standardized program established by
18 the Department of [Public Instruction] Education. In the case of
19 pupils under the age of sixteen (16) years, such instruction

1 shall be limited to class room instruction by those who shall
2 possess the qualifications prescribed by the State Board of
3 Education. In the case of pupils of the age of sixteen (16)
4 years and over, the instruction may include practical
5 instruction in the operation of motor vehicles on the public
6 highways, or other places, selected by the board of school
7 directors or by the principal of the school where the
8 instruction is given.

9 (b) The board of school directors [may] shall employ and fix
10 the compensation of qualified persons to teach the practical
11 operation of motor vehicles on the highways, or elsewhere, who
12 shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the State Board
13 of Education. Teacher aides may be used in the practice driving
14 phase of the standardized program in the public schools of the
15 Commonwealth. The [Superintendent of Public Instruction]
16 Secretary of Education shall, upon the request of the local
17 chief school administrator for employment of a teacher aide,
18 provide for an oral examination, a written theoretical
19 examination and a practical examination. In addition, the
20 applicant shall possess the following qualifications: (1)
21 satisfactory completion of the examination provided by the
22 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education,
23 (2) possess a high school diploma, (3) have a motor vehicle
24 operator's record free of violation of "The Vehicle Code" and
25 other traffic laws and free of accidents, (4) completed a three-
26 credit course in driver education, (5) shall complete an
27 additional nine hours of credit in General and Traffic Safety
28 Education within a three year period of employment, and (6)
29 shall be eligible according to the provisions in section 1209 of
30 the "Public School Code of 1949." The board of school directors

1 [may] shall purchase, rent [or], hire or otherwise provide motor
2 vehicles for such instruction only and shall procure or require
3 automobile liability insurance in such amounts as the board of
4 school directors shall prescribe covering vehicles owned or
5 operated pursuant to this section. Such insurance shall be for
6 the public liability of the owner of the vehicle, when the owner
7 is some one other than the school district, the employe of the
8 school district, the employe of the owner and the pupil
9 operating the vehicle, against claims for damages, for injuries
10 to person or property. No liability shall attach to any
11 individual, school director, superintendent, teacher or other
12 school authority by reason of teaching safe driving, except that
13 which is protected by the automobile liability insurance
14 policies which are procured by reason of the authority granted
15 herein.

16 (c) The board of school directors [may] shall appropriate
17 and expend money of the school district for the purpose of
18 paying the compensation of the instructors and to purchase, rent
19 [or], hire or otherwise provide motor vehicles, automobile
20 liability insurance and to maintain and repair the same and to
21 purchase fuel, lubricants, parts and accessories therefor.

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