

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JOSEPHS, PERZEL, SALOOM AND GIGLIOTTI, JANUARY 2, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 2, 1990

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," providing for instruction relating to
6 adoption of children.

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

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

12 Section 1547.1. Adoption Information Within Health Course.--

13 (a) Beginning with the school year 1990-1991, and each year
14 thereafter, each public school student in grades kindergarten
15 through twelve shall receive mandatory instruction about
16 adoption within the health course of study required in
17 accordance with State Board of Education regulations.

18 (b) A sequential, age-appropriate curriculum shall be
19 developed by the State Board of Education which shall include,

1 inter alia, emphasis on adoption as a positive family building
2 option, impact of adoption on an adopted person's life and
3 adoption as an alternative to a crisis pregnancy. The State
4 Board of Education shall promulgate this curriculum as part of
5 Department of Education regulations.

6 (c) The curriculum shall be implemented in all school
7 districts, with the exception that any school district may
8 substitute its own curriculum if approved by the State Board of
9 Education as meeting the objectives of this act. Provisions
10 shall be made to assist school districts in acquiring the
11 necessary materials for this instruction.

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