

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY LaGROTTA, LAWLESS, FAJT, JOSEPHS, SANTONI,
HENNESSEY AND SCHEETZ, JUNE 28, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 28, 1993

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 youth community service
6 programs.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1605 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 1605. Courses of Study.--* * *

13 (c) During one or more of the last four years of any
14 complete high school program, there shall be offered as part of
15 the curriculum a youth community service program which includes
16 youth community service activities integrated with study and
17 reflection on the experiences gained through youth community
18 service activities. Volunteer activities performed by secondary
19 school students through a youth community service program shall

1 be designed to meet the needs of others in the school or
2 community and to enhance the student's personal growth, career
3 exploration, understanding of community and citizenship, social
4 science skills and communication skills. A student that chooses
5 to participate in such program shall receive elective credit.
6 The Secretary of Education shall, at the request of the
7 superintendent having supervision over any high school, provide
8 any technical assistance which may be necessary to aid a
9 district in the planning and implementation of its youth
10 community service program.

11 (1) The program shall provide that:

12 (i) A student may complete community service activities
13 during the evenings, on weekends or during the summer, but shall
14 not complete such activities during school hours.

15 (ii) A student may complete community service activities
16 with a nonprofit agency or organization, a public agency or
17 institution, a nonprofit or for-profit health care facility, or
18 any other community organization which the State Board of
19 Education deems appropriate.

20 (iii) A student shall not receive compensation for community
21 service or substitute employment for service activity.

22 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and
23 regulations necessary for the implementation of this subsection.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.