

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, GIGLIOTTI, ROBINSON, WALKO, HALUSKA,
CORRIGAN, COLAIZZO, DeLUCA, TRELLO, MICOZZIE AND
M. N. WRIGHT, JUNE 5, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 5, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act prohibiting certain practices
3 of discrimination because of race, color, religious creed,
4 ancestry, age or national origin by employers, employment
5 agencies, labor organizations and others as herein defined;
6 creating the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission in the
7 Governor's Office; defining its functions, powers and duties;
8 providing for procedure and enforcement; providing for
9 formulation of an educational program to prevent prejudice;
10 providing for judicial review and enforcement and imposing
11 penalties," further providing for the powers of the
12 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission relating to
13 assignment of students and for educational programs.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of October 27, 1955
17 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations
18 Act, amended December 20, 1991 (P.L.414, No.51), is amended to
19 read:

20 Section 8. Educational Program.--

21 The Commission, in cooperation with the Department of
22 Education, is authorized to [prepare a comprehensive] recommend
23 a multicultural educational program, designed for the students

1 of the schools in this Commonwealth and for all other residents
2 thereof, in order to [eliminate prejudice against] promote
3 cultural appreciation and to further good will among all
4 persons, without regard to race, color, familial status,
5 religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, handicap
6 or disability.

7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

8 Section 8.2. Additional Powers and Duties.--(a) The
9 Commission shall formulate voluntary recommendations designed to
10 assist educational institutions in eliminating prejudice and
11 fostering appreciation of diversity.

12 (b) The Commission shall not have any authority to order any
13 school district or other governing entities that would require
14 students to be assigned to any school, other than the school
15 closest to their home of appropriate grade level. The Commission
16 shall insure that no child is assigned to a school because of
17 race, religion, color, sex, ancestry or national origin.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.