

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2799 Session of
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MANDERINO, PETRONE, TRAVAGLIO, PISTELLA, STABACK, CAWLEY,
VAN HORNE AND RAMOS, SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for parental
3 liability for damages to school property by students.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 8313. School property damage.

9 (a) General rule.--Any parent whose child is found liable or
10 is adjudged guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of
11 destruction of school property shall be liable for the amount of
12 loss of property.

13 (b) Amount.--The court shall ascertain the amount sufficient
14 to fully reimburse the school district which has suffered
15 property damage because of the act of the child and direct
16 parents to make payment.

17 (c) Community service.--In the event that the offender or

1 the parents are unable to meet the financial obligation imposed
2 by the court, they shall undergo community service alternatives
3 as directed by the court.

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