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AN ACT

1 Establishing an emergency uniform numbering system for public
2 schools.

3 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

4 (1) Extreme dangers are present when the safety of our
5 students in public schools requires first responders such as
6 police and firefighters to evacuate and secure a building.

7 (2) In an effort to prepare for responding to
8 emergencies, criminal acts and acts of terrorism a public
9 school uniform emergency numbering system is needed to
10 provide all first responders with the information they need
11 to be successful when handling an emergency.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Short title.

15 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public School
16 Emergency Numbering System Act.

17 Section 2. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
2 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Agency." Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

5 "Emergency service responders." The term includes volunteer
6 and municipal fire companies, law enforcement agencies, control
7 offices, ambulance and medical services that provide for the
8 protection or preservation of persons or property in
9 circumstances of immediate and significant threat of injury or
10 harm.

11 "Public school." Any school in this Commonwealth that is in
12 a public school district as defined in the act of March 10, 1949
13 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

14 "Specialty rooms." The term includes, but is not limited to,
15 boiler rooms, electrical rooms, storage rooms and utility rooms.

16 "Uniform numbering system." A Statewide standardized room
17 identification plan for public schools.

18 Section 3. Emergency uniform numbering system.

19 (a) Establishment.--The agency, in consultation with
20 emergency service responders, shall establish a Statewide public
21 school uniform numbering system. The uniform numbering system
22 shall address the following, but not be limited to:

23 (1) The size, location, florescence, heat resistance of
24 the room number/letter that identifies one room from another
25 room. A public school shall place a room number at both floor
26 level and eye level.

27 (2) Appropriately labeled rooms that may contain
28 dangerous materials and a uniform system for labeling rooms,
29 hallways and outside doors.

30 (3) Establishment of school building sections based on a

1 grid structure.

2 (b) Regulations and procedures.--The agency shall adopt
3 regulations and procedures necessary for public schools to
4 implement the system.

5 Section 4. Implementation.

6 (a) Submission.--The agency shall submit the adopted
7 regulations and procedures to the emergency service responders
8 and public schools for implementation.

9 (b) Time limits.--The public schools shall have no less than
10 six months but no more than one year to implement the agency
11 regulations.

12 Section 5. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect immediately.