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HOUSE BILL

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JUNE 18, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 18, 2008

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," further providing for the Office for
6 Safe Schools.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1302-A(b) 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 paragraph to read:

12 Section 1302-A. Office for Safe Schools.--* * *

13 (b) The office shall have the following powers and duties:

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15 (6) To develop and distribute a model policy related to
16 bullying, including cyber bullying, which complies with Federal
17 and State law. The model policy shall be based upon current best

1 practices deemed effective in deterring such behavior and shall
2 define the:
3 (i) behavior,
4 (ii) effects of such behavior on students, and
5 (iii) consequences of such behavior if it occurs on school
6 property or while using school resources.

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