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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," in school health services, providing
6 for parent educational information regarding eating
7 disorders.

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

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

13 Section 1425. Parent Educational Information Regarding
14 Eating Disorders.--(a) Each board of school directors shall
15 annually provide parent educational information regarding eating
16 disorders for pupils in grades five (5) through twelve (12). The
17 information shall be consistent with guidelines established by
18 the Department of Education under subsection (b).

19 (b) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the

1 Department of Health, shall develop and implement guidelines for
2 providing parent educational information regarding eating
3 disorders. The policies shall be developed with input from
4 organizations and entities including boards of school directors,
5 school superintendents, the National Eating Disorders
6 Association, the Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and
7 Practitioners, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy
8 of Pediatrics, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians,
9 the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals
10 Foundation and the Academy for Eating Disorders. In doing so,
11 the Department of Education and the Department of Health shall
12 identify and develop appropriate additions or revisions to this
13 Commonwealth's school health regulations related to development
14 of parent educational information, including guidance regarding
15 the clear delineation of such health information from other
16 administrative documentation. The guidelines developed for
17 boards of school directors under this section shall include the
18 following:

19 (1) The optional development of an eating disorder screening
20 program.

21 (2) Specification of training needs and requirements for
22 personnel and volunteers.

23 (3) Appropriate opt-out and exemption procedures.

24 (4) Parental notification procedures for positive
25 indications of an eating disorder.

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