

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 912 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY STAATS, BAKER, RYAN, COX, READSHAW, WARD, SACCONI,  
D. COSTA, BENNINGHOFF, B. MILLER, ZIMMERMAN, RAPP, TOEPEL,  
JAMES, DUSH, RADER, DAY AND GILLEN, MARCH 22, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 22, 2017

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 terms and courses of study,  
6 providing for film approval by parent or guardian.

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

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

12 Section 1528. Film Approval by Parent or Guardian.--(a)  
13 Prior to displaying, as part of its educational program, a  
14 motion picture rated "R" or "NC-17" by the Motion Picture  
15 Association of America, a school entity shall:

16 (1) Notify and obtain written consent from all parents or  
17 guardians of all students enrolled in the course in which the  
18 motion picture is to be displayed.

19 (2) If any parent or guardian of any student enrolled in the

1 course in which the motion picture is to be displayed objects or  
2 fails to provide written consent to the display of the motion  
3 picture, not display the motion picture during the current  
4 school year.

5 (b) School entities shall retain consent forms for two years  
6 following their submission.

7 (c) As used in this section, the term "school entity" means  
8 any public school, intermediate unit, area vocational-technical  
9 school or charter school.

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