

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, SCARNATI, BROWNE, ARGALL, MARTIN,
BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, LANGERHOLC, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK,
COSTA, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK AND DINNIMAN, JANUARY 17, 2018

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, JANUARY 17, 2018

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, further
6 providing for health services.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1402 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 subsections to read:

12 Section 1402. Health Services.--* * *

13 (e.1) A school nurse, school physician or employee of a
14 school district shall remove a tick from a student in accordance
15 with guidelines issued by the Secretary of Health. After a tick
16 is removed from a student, the school district shall notify in
17 writing the parent or guardian of the student. The notice shall
18 state that:

19 (1) Not all tick bites lead to Lyme disease.

1 (2) The parent or guardian should record the date on which
2 the tick was removed.

3 (3) If the student experiences a rash within three (3) to
4 thirty (30) days of the date of removal, it is recommended that
5 the parent or guardian seek an examination of the student by a
6 physician.

7 (e.2) The Secretary of Health shall publish guidelines
8 consistent with subsection (e.1) on the Department of Health's
9 publicly accessible Internet website and, in consultation with
10 the Secretary of Education, provide the guidelines to school
11 districts.

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