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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, IN SENATE, JUNE 10, 2014

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 youth suicide awareness and prevention and for
7 child exploitation awareness education.

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 sections
12 to read:

13 ~~Section 1526. Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention. (a) A <--~~
14 ~~school entity may adopt a youth suicide awareness and prevention~~
15 ~~policy, which may, but shall not be required to, be based upon~~
16 ~~the model policy developed by the department under subsection~~

1 ~~(d) (1). A school entity that adopts a youth suicide awareness~~
2 ~~and prevention policy shall distribute the policy to all school~~
3 ~~entity employes and independent contractors and to the parent or~~
4 ~~legal guardian of each student enrolled in the school entity and~~
5 ~~shall post the policy on the school entity's publicly accessible~~
6 ~~Internet website.~~

7 ~~(b) A school entity may develop an age appropriate youth~~
8 ~~suicide awareness and prevention education program and may~~
9 ~~incorporate the program into the school entity's existing~~
10 ~~curriculum for students in grade six through grade twelve. In~~
11 ~~developing the program, the school entity may use the model~~
12 ~~curriculum developed by the department under subsection (d) (2).~~

13 ~~(c) (1) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the~~
14 ~~professional development plan submitted by each school entity to~~
15 ~~the secretary for approval pursuant to section 1205.1 shall~~
16 ~~include four (4) hours of training in youth suicide awareness~~
17 ~~and prevention every five (5) years for professional educators~~
18 ~~assigned to provide instruction to students in grade six, seven,~~
19 ~~eight, nine, ten, eleven or twelve. Training under this~~
20 ~~subsection may be used to satisfy a professional educator's~~
21 ~~continuing professional education requirement under section~~
22 ~~1205.2.~~

23 ~~(2) A school entity that offers its students a youth suicide~~
24 ~~awareness and prevention education program under subsection (b)~~
25 ~~shall ensure that the professional development plan submitted~~
26 ~~under paragraph (1) includes training in the school entity's~~
27 ~~youth suicide awareness and prevention education program.~~

28 ~~(3) A school entity may provide youth suicide awareness and~~
29 ~~prevention education to its other employes and independent~~
30 ~~contractors, in addition to its professional employes.~~

1 ~~(d) Within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective~~
2 ~~date of this section, the department, in consultation with a~~
3 ~~youth suicide prevention organization operating in this~~
4 ~~Commonwealth, shall do all of the following:~~

5 ~~(1) Develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention~~
6 ~~policy and post the model policy on its publicly accessible~~
7 ~~Internet website. The model policy shall include the following:~~

8 ~~(i) A protocol for administering youth suicide awareness and~~
9 ~~prevention education to staff and students.~~

10 ~~(ii) A protocol that identifies:~~

11 ~~(A) Methods of prevention, including procedures for early~~
12 ~~identification and referral of students at risk of suicide.~~

13 ~~(B) Methods of intervention, including procedures that~~
14 ~~address an emotional or mental health safety plan for students~~
15 ~~identified as being at increased risk of suicide.~~

16 ~~(C) Methods of responding to a suicide or suicide attempt by~~
17 ~~a student or employe of the school entity.~~

18 ~~(D) Reporting procedures.~~

19 ~~(E) Recommended resources on youth suicide and youth suicide~~
20 ~~awareness and prevention programs, including contact information~~
21 ~~for such programs.~~

22 ~~(2) Develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention~~
23 ~~curriculum and make the model curriculum available to all school~~
24 ~~entities and, upon request, to nonpublic schools.~~

25 ~~(3) Compile, develop and post on its publicly accessible~~
26 ~~Internet website recommended guidelines and educational~~
27 ~~materials for the training required under subsection (c), which~~
28 ~~may include materials which are already publicly available. In~~
29 ~~providing the training required under subsection (c), a school~~
30 ~~entity shall not be required to use the guidelines and materials~~

1 ~~developed and made available by the department.~~

2 ~~(e) (1) The State board shall conduct a study regarding the~~
3 ~~manner in which youth suicide awareness and prevention education~~
4 ~~is offered by school entities in this Commonwealth.~~

5 ~~(2) In developing the study required under this subsection,~~
6 ~~the State board shall consult with a youth suicide prevention~~
7 ~~organization operating in this Commonwealth.~~

8 ~~(3) In conducting the study required under this subsection,~~
9 ~~the State board shall request that each school entity provide~~
10 ~~the State board with information concerning whether the school~~
11 ~~entity offers such instruction and the manner in which such~~
12 ~~instruction is offered. Each school entity shall provide the~~
13 ~~information to the State board in response to a request under~~
14 ~~this paragraph.~~

15 ~~(4) Following the 2016 2017 school year, but not later than~~
16 ~~November 30, 2017, the State board shall issue a report to the~~
17 ~~Governor, the secretary, the chairman and minority chairman of~~
18 ~~the Education Committee of the Senate and the chairman and~~
19 ~~minority chairman of the Education Committee of the House of~~
20 ~~Representatives addressing the following:~~

21 ~~(i) The number of school entities adopting a youth suicide~~
22 ~~awareness and prevention policy.~~

23 ~~(ii) The number of school entities adopting the model youth~~
24 ~~suicide awareness and prevention policy developed by the~~
25 ~~department under subsection (d) (1).~~

26 ~~(iii) The number of school entities offering instruction in~~
27 ~~youth suicide awareness and prevention.~~

28 ~~(iv) The number of school entities using the model youth~~
29 ~~suicide awareness and prevention curriculum developed and made~~
30 ~~available by the department pursuant to subsection (d) (2).~~

1 ~~(v) The number of school entities using the recommended~~
2 ~~guidelines and educational materials compiled and developed by~~
3 ~~the department under subsection (d) (3) for the training required~~
4 ~~under subsection (c).~~

5 ~~(vi) A description of the manner in which school entities~~
6 ~~are offering instruction in youth suicide awareness and~~
7 ~~prevention, including the number of hours of instruction~~
8 ~~offered, the grade levels at which such instruction is offered~~
9 ~~and the courses within which such instruction is integrated.~~

10 ~~(vii) Recommendations for improvements to the offering of~~
11 ~~instruction in youth suicide awareness and prevention, including~~
12 ~~recommended legislation.~~

13 ~~(f) For purposes of this section, the following words and~~
14 ~~phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection~~
15 ~~unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

16 ~~"Department." The Department of Education of the~~
17 ~~Commonwealth.~~

18 ~~"Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, other than a school~~
19 ~~entity, wherein a resident of this Commonwealth may legally~~
20 ~~fulfill the compulsory school attendance requirements of this~~
21 ~~act and which meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil~~
22 ~~Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88 352, 78 Stat. 241).~~

23 ~~"Professional educator." The term shall have the meaning~~
24 ~~given to it in section 1205.2(o).~~

25 ~~"School entity." A school district, joint school district,~~
26 ~~charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school,~~
27 ~~intermediate unit or area vocational technical school.~~

28 ~~"Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.~~

29 ~~"State board." The State Board of Education.~~

30 ~~Section 1527. Child Exploitation Awareness Education. (a)~~

1 ~~Each school entity may develop an age appropriate child~~
2 ~~exploitation awareness education program and may incorporate the~~
3 ~~program into the school entity's existing curriculum for~~
4 ~~students in kindergarten through grade eight. In developing the~~
5 ~~program, the school entity may use the model guidelines and~~
6 ~~educational materials made available by the department pursuant~~
7 ~~to subsection (c) (1) and (2).~~

8 ~~(b) (1) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the~~
9 ~~professional development plan submitted by each school entity to~~
10 ~~the secretary for approval pursuant to section 1205.1 shall~~
11 ~~include four (4) hours of training in child exploitation~~
12 ~~awareness every five (5) years for professional educators~~
13 ~~assigned to provide instruction to students in kindergarten or~~
14 ~~in grade one, two, three, four, five, six, seven or eight.~~
15 ~~Training under this subsection may be used to satisfy a~~
16 ~~professional educator's continuing professional education~~
17 ~~requirement under section 1205.2.~~

18 ~~(2) A school entity that incorporates child exploitation~~
19 ~~awareness education into its curriculum under subsection (a)~~
20 ~~shall ensure that the professional development plan submitted~~
21 ~~under paragraph (1) includes training in the school entity's~~
22 ~~child exploitation awareness education program.~~

23 ~~(3) A school entity may provide child exploitation awareness~~
24 ~~training to its other employees and independent contractors, in~~
25 ~~addition to its professional employees.~~

26 ~~(c) Within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective~~
27 ~~date of this section, the department, through its Office for~~
28 ~~Safe Schools and in consultation with at least one organization~~
29 ~~addressing child exploitation, shall do all of the following:~~

30 ~~(1) Develop and post on its publicly accessible Internet~~

1 ~~website model guidelines that school entities may use in~~
2 ~~developing an education program under subsection (a).~~

3 ~~(2) Compile or develop age appropriate educational materials~~
4 ~~regarding child exploitation awareness, which may include~~
5 ~~educational materials that are already publicly available, and~~
6 ~~make the materials available to school entities and, upon~~
7 ~~request, to nonpublic schools.~~

8 ~~(3) Compile, develop and post on its publicly accessible~~
9 ~~Internet website recommended guidelines and educational~~
10 ~~materials for the training required under subsection (b), which~~
11 ~~may include materials which are already publicly available. In~~
12 ~~providing the training required under subsection (b), a school~~
13 ~~entity shall not be required to use the guidelines and materials~~
14 ~~developed and made available by the department.~~

15 ~~(d) (1) The State board shall conduct a study regarding the~~
16 ~~manner in which instruction in child exploitation awareness is~~
17 ~~offered by school entities in this Commonwealth.~~

18 ~~(2) In developing the study required under this subsection,~~
19 ~~the State board shall consult with at least one organization~~
20 ~~addressing child exploitation.~~

21 ~~(3) In conducting the study required under this subsection,~~
22 ~~the State board shall request that each school entity provide~~
23 ~~the State board with information concerning whether the school~~
24 ~~entity offers such instruction and the manner in which such~~
25 ~~instruction is offered. Each school entity shall provide the~~
26 ~~information to the State board in response to a request under~~
27 ~~this paragraph.~~

28 ~~(4) Following the 2016-2017 school year, but not later than~~
29 ~~November 30, 2017, the State board shall issue a report to the~~
30 ~~Governor, the secretary, the chairman and minority chairman of~~

1 ~~the Education Committee of the Senate and the chairman and~~
2 ~~minority chairman of the Education Committee of the House of~~
3 ~~Representatives addressing the following:~~

4 ~~(i) The number of school entities offering instruction in~~
5 ~~child exploitation awareness.~~

6 ~~(ii) The number of school entities using the model~~
7 ~~guidelines and educational materials made available by the~~
8 ~~department pursuant to subsection (c) (1) and (2).~~

9 ~~(iii) The number of school entities using the recommended~~
10 ~~guidelines and educational materials compiled and developed by~~
11 ~~the department under subsection (c) (3) for the training required~~
12 ~~under subsection (b).~~

13 ~~(iv) A description of the manner in which school entities~~
14 ~~are offering instruction in child exploitation awareness,~~
15 ~~including the number of hours of instruction offered, the grade~~
16 ~~levels at which such instruction is offered and the courses~~
17 ~~within which such instruction is integrated.~~

18 ~~(v) Recommendations for improvements to the offering of~~
19 ~~instruction in child exploitation awareness, including~~
20 ~~recommended legislation.~~

21 ~~(c) For purposes of this section, the following words and~~
22 ~~phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection~~
23 ~~unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

24 ~~"Child exploitation." The term includes child abduction and~~
25 ~~sexual abuse or exploitation.~~

26 ~~"Child exploitation awareness education." The term may~~
27 ~~include, but need not be limited to, defining child~~
28 ~~exploitation, recognizing the types of child exploitation,~~
29 ~~creating awareness of warning signs of child exploitation and~~
30 ~~providing students with avoidance strategies.~~

1 ~~"Department." The Department of Education of the~~
2 ~~Commonwealth.~~

3 ~~"Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, other than a school~~
4 ~~entity, wherein a resident of this Commonwealth may legally~~
5 ~~fulfill the compulsory school attendance requirements of this~~
6 ~~act and which meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil~~
7 ~~Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88 352, 78 Stat. 241).~~

8 ~~"School entity." A school district, joint school district,~~
9 ~~charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or~~
10 ~~intermediate unit.~~

11 ~~"Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.~~

12 ~~"Sexual abuse or exploitation." The term shall have the~~
13 ~~meaning given to it under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6303 (relating to~~
14 ~~definitions).~~

15 ~~"State board." The State Board of Education.~~

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, or
17 immediately, whichever is later.

18 SECTION 1526. YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION.-- (A) <--
19 BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH SCHOOL ENTITY
20 SHALL:

21 (1) ADOPT AN AGE-APPROPRIATE YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND
22 PREVENTION POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (C), INFORM EACH
23 SCHOOL ENTITY EMPLOYEE AND THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF EACH
24 STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL ENTITY OF SUCH POLICY AND POST
25 SUCH POLICY ON THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET
26 WEBSITE. THE POLICY ADOPTED BY A SCHOOL ENTITY UNDER THIS
27 PARAGRAPH MAY BE BASED UPON THE MODEL POLICY DEVELOPED BY THE
28 DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (1).

29 (2) INCLUDE IN THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMITTED
30 BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL PURSUANT TO

1 SECTION 1205.1 FOUR (4) HOURS OF TRAINING IN YOUTH SUICIDE
2 AWARENESS AND PREVENTION EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS FOR PROFESSIONAL
3 EDUCATORS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS SERVING STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX
4 THROUGH TWELVE. TRAINING UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE USED TO
5 SATISFY A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
6 EDUCATION REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 1205.2. A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY
7 USE THE MATERIALS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
8 SUBSECTION (B) (2) TO CONDUCT SUCH TRAINING.

9 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

10 (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION
11 ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN THIS COMMONWEALTH, DEVELOP A MODEL
12 YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION POLICY WHICH SHALL BE
13 CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (C).

14 (2) COMPILE, DEVELOP AND POST ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
15 INTERNET WEBSITE THE FOLLOWING, WHICH MAY INCLUDE MATERIALS
16 ALREADY PUBLICLY AVAILABLE:

17 (I) RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE
18 TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (2).

19 (II) RECOMMENDED RESOURCES AND AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL
20 MATERIALS ON YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION.

21 (3) DEVELOP A MODEL YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
22 CURRICULUM AND MAKE SUCH CURRICULUM AVAILABLE TO ALL SCHOOL
23 ENTITIES AND, UPON REQUEST, TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS. A SCHOOL
24 ENTITY MAY INCORPORATE SUCH CURRICULUM INTO ITS EXISTING
25 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S YOUTH
26 SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION POLICY.

27 (C) THE MODEL POLICY DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
28 SUBSECTION (B) (1), AND ANY POLICY ADOPTED BY A SCHOOL ENTITY
29 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1), SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

30 (1) A STATEMENT ON YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION.

1 (2) PROTOCOLS FOR ADMINISTERING YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND
2 PREVENTION EDUCATION TO STAFF AND STUDENTS.

3 (3) METHODS OF PREVENTION, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR EARLY
4 IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL OF STUDENTS AT RISK OF SUICIDE.

5 (4) METHODS OF INTERVENTION, INCLUDING PROCEDURES THAT
6 ADDRESS AN EMOTIONAL OR MENTAL HEALTH SAFETY PLAN FOR STUDENTS
7 IDENTIFIED AS BEING AT INCREASED RISK OF SUICIDE.

8 (5) METHODS OF RESPONDING TO A STUDENT OR STAFF SUICIDE OR
9 SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

10 (6) REPORTING PROCEDURES.

11 (7) RECOMMENDED RESOURCES ON YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND
12 PREVENTION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR
13 SUCH PROGRAMS.

14 (D) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
15 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
16 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

17 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
18 COMMONWEALTH.

19 "NONPUBLIC SCHOOL." A NONPROFIT SCHOOL, OTHER THAN A SCHOOL
20 ENTITY, WHEREIN A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH MAY LEGALLY
21 FULFILL THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
22 ACT AND WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL
23 RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (PUBLIC LAW 88-352, 78 STAT. 241).

24 "PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1205.2(O).

25 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
26 CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL,
27 INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

28 "SECRETARY." THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

29 SECTION 1527. CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS EDUCATION.--(A)
30 BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH SCHOOL ENTITY

1 MAY:

2 (1) DEVELOP AN AGE-APPROPRIATE CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS
3 EDUCATION PROGRAM AND INCORPORATE SUCH PROGRAM INTO THE SCHOOL
4 ENTITY'S EXISTING CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN
5 THROUGH GRADE EIGHT. IN DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM, THE SCHOOL
6 ENTITY MAY USE THE MODEL CURRICULUM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT
7 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (2).

8 (2) INCLUDE TRAINING IN CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS IN THE
9 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY TO
10 THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 1205.1; PROVIDED
11 THAT A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL PROVIDE FOUR (4) HOURS OF SUCH
12 TRAINING EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS
13 ASSIGNED TO TEACH COURSES INTO WHICH CHILD EXPLOITATION
14 AWARENESS EDUCATION HAS BEEN INCORPORATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).
15 TRAINING UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE USED TO SATISFY A
16 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
17 REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 1205.2. A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY USE THE
18 MATERIALS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B)
19 (1) TO CONDUCT SUCH TRAINING.

20 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH AT LEAST ONE
21 ORGANIZATION ADDRESSING CHILD EXPLOITATION, SHALL:

22 (1) DEVELOP A MODEL CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS CURRICULUM,
23 WHICH MAY INCLUDE MATERIALS ALREADY PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, AND MAKE
24 SUCH CURRICULUM AVAILABLE TO ALL SCHOOL ENTITIES AND, UPON
25 REQUEST, TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

26 (2) COMPILE, DEVELOP AND POST ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
27 INTERNET WEBSITE RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES AND EDUCATIONAL
28 MATERIALS FOR THE TRAINING PROVIDED FOR UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (2),
29 WHICH MAY INCLUDE MATERIALS ALREADY PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

30 (C) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES

1 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
2 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

3 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
4 COMMONWEALTH.

5 "NONPUBLIC SCHOOL." A NONPROFIT SCHOOL, OTHER THAN A SCHOOL
6 ENTITY, WHEREIN A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH MAY LEGALLY
7 FULFILL THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
8 ACT AND WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL
9 RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (PUBLIC LAW 88-352, 78 STAT. 241).

10 "PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1205.2(O).

11 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
12 CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL,
13 INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

14 "SECRETARY." THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

15 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.