

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1090** Session of  
1977

INTRODUCED BY KNEPPER, TADDONIO AND ZORD, MAY 2, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 2, 1977

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 authority of  
6 teachers over pupils.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1317, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
10 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July  
11 25, 1963 (P.L.315, No.169), is amended to read:

12 Section 1317. Authority of Teachers, Vice Principals and  
13 Principals over Pupils.--(a) Every teacher, vice principal and  
14 principal in the public schools shall have the right to exercise  
15 the same authority as to conduct and behavior over the pupils  
16 attending his school, during the time they are in attendance,  
17 including the time required in going to and from their homes, as  
18 the parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to such  
19 pupils may exercise over them.

20 (b) Every teacher, vice principal and principal in the

1 public schools is authorized to hold every pupil strictly  
2 accountable for any disorderly conduct in school or on the  
3 playground of the school, or on any school bus going to or  
4 returning from school, or during intermission or recess. Any  
5 teacher or school principal may use corporal punishment in a  
6 reasonable manner against any pupil for good cause in order to  
7 maintain discipline and order within the public schools. On or  
8 before December 31, 1978 each local school board shall adopt  
9 such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to implement  
10 and control any form of corporal punishment in the schools in  
11 its district.

12       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.