

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 384 Session of  
1991

INTRODUCED BY TANGRETTI, PESCI, TIGUE, CAPPABIANCA, COLAIZZO,  
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FEBRUARY 12, 1991

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 9, 1991

## 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," ~~providing for instruction relating to~~ <—  
6 ~~adoption of children.~~ ADDING AN ARTICLE. <—

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~~ AN ARTICLE to read: <—

12 ~~Section 1547.1. Adoption Information Within Health Course.~~ <—  
13 ~~(a) Beginning with the school year 1991-1992, and each year~~  
14 ~~thereafter, each public school student in grades kindergarten~~  
15 ~~through twelve shall receive mandatory instruction about~~  
16 ~~adoption within the health course of study required in~~  
17 ~~accordance with State Board of Education regulations.~~

1     ~~(b) A sequential, age appropriate curriculum shall be~~  
2     ~~developed by the State Board of Education which shall include,~~  
3     ~~but not be limited to, emphasis on adoption as a positive family~~  
4     ~~building option, impact of adoption on an adopted person's life~~  
5     ~~and adoption as an alternative to a crisis pregnancy. The State~~  
6     ~~Board of Education shall promulgate this curriculum as part of~~  
7     ~~Department of Education regulations.~~

8     ~~(c) The curriculum shall be implemented in all school~~  
9     ~~districts, with the exception that any school district may~~  
10    ~~substitute its own curriculum if approved by the State Board of~~  
11    ~~Education as meeting the objectives of this act. Provisions~~  
12    ~~shall be made to assist school districts in acquiring the~~  
13    ~~necessary materials for this instruction.~~

14                             ARTICLE XXVI-G.

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15                             CHOICE IN EDUCATION.

16                             (RESERVED)

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