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WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, JULY 30, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 30, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for criminal
3 trespass.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3503 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 3503. Criminal trespass.

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10 (b.3) School trespasser.--

11 (1) A person commits an offense if he:

12 (i) fails to obey notices posted in a manner
13 prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the
14 person's attention at each entrance of school grounds
15 that visitors are prohibited without authorization from
16 the school principal or designee;

17 (ii) fails or refuses to obey instruction to leave

1 school grounds as communicated by the school principal or
2 designee, any other school official, employee or agent or
3 a law enforcement officer; or

4 (iii) makes an unauthorized entry onto school
5 grounds with the intent to commit a crime or disrupt or
6 interfere with the operation of the school in any manner.

7 (2) (i) An offense under paragraph (1)(i) constitutes a
8 summary offense.

9 (ii) An offense under paragraph (1)(ii) constitutes
10 a misdemeanor of the first degree.

11 (iii) An offense under paragraph (1)(iii)
12 constitutes a felony of the second degree.

13 (3) As used in this subsection, the term "school
14 grounds" means any public or nonpublic school building or
15 property being used for instruction of students.

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