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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," requiring school districts to develop
6 a bullying and student intimidation prevention plan.

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 to read:

12 Section 1303.1-A. Bullying and Student Intimidation
13 Prevention Plan.--(a) Each school district in this Commonwealth
14 shall develop a comprehensive and coordinated bullying and
15 student intimidation prevention plan relevant to the specific
16 needs of the district and drawing on existing State and
17 community resources with the goal to create a safe academic and
18 social environment while assuring that appropriate procedures
19 are in place to deal with crisis situations.

20 (b) The bullying and student intimidation prevention plan

1 should include both preventative and responsive measures and
2 programs to address bullying and student intimidation in order
3 to eliminate numerous student safety risk factors and reduce the
4 occurrence of school violence.

5 (c) Within three months of the effective date of this
6 section, every school district shall submit a bullying and
7 student intimidation prevention plan to the Department of
8 Education. The school board of a district must review and
9 approve its plan before the plan may be submitted to the
10 department. Any revisions to the original plan submitted to the
11 department shall be approved by the school board prior to
12 submission to the department. Any school district which has a
13 preexisting bullying and student intimidation prevention plan
14 adopted by the school board may submit such program to the
15 department.

16 (d) The bullying and student intimidation prevention plan,
17 and any subsequent revisions to the original plan, shall be made
18 available for public inspection in the school district offices
19 for at least 30 days prior to its approval by the school board.

20 (e) At the beginning of each school year students shall be
21 furnished with an updated copy of the bullying and student
22 intimidation prevention plan adopted by the school board. Copies
23 shall also be made available to administrators, parents and
24 teachers within the district.

25 (f) A school district which fails to comply with this
26 section shall be ineligible for reimbursement under Article XXV
27 until it establishes compliance.

28 (g) In developing its plan, a district may utilize the
29 existing resources and expertise of the Office for Safe Schools
30 established by the department pursuant to section 1302-A. The

1 department, through the office for Safe Schools, shall develop
2 and make available to school districts model bullying and
3 student intimidation prevention plans drawn from programs
4 already offered in this Commonwealth and throughout the United
5 States.

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