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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MAY 24, 2007

AN ACT

1 Establishing an emergency uniform numbering system for public
2 schools.

3 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

4 (1) Extreme dangers are present when the safety of our
5 students in public schools requires first responders such as
6 police and firefighters to evacuate and secure a building.

7 (2) In an effort to prepare for responding to
8 emergencies, criminal acts and acts of terrorism a public
9 school uniform emergency numbering system is needed to
10 provide all first responders with the information they need
11 to be successful when handling an emergency.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Short title.

15 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public School
16 Emergency Numbering System Act.

1 Section 2. Definitions.

2 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
3 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
4 context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Agency." Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

6 "Emergency service responders." The term includes volunteer
7 and municipal fire companies, law enforcement agencies, control
8 offices, ambulance and medical services that provide for the
9 protection or preservation of persons or property in
10 circumstances of immediate and significant threat of injury or
11 harm.

12 "Public school." Any school in this Commonwealth that is in
13 a public school district as defined in the act of March 10, 1949
14 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

15 "Specialty rooms." The term includes, but is not limited to,
16 boiler rooms, electrical rooms, clinical laboratories, storage
17 rooms and utility rooms.

18 "Uniform numbering system." A Statewide standardized
19 exterior door identification plan for public schools.

20 Section 3. Emergency uniform numbering system.

21 (a) Establishment.--The agency, in consultation with
22 emergency service responders, shall establish a Statewide public
23 school uniform numbering system for exterior doors. The uniform
24 numbering system shall address the following, but not be limited
25 to:

26 (1) The size, location, fluorescence, heat resistance of
27 the door/letter and number that identifies one door from
28 another door.

29 (2) Appropriately labeled rooms that may contain
30 dangerous materials and a uniform system for labeling such

rooms, such as boiler rooms, chemical labs, storage rooms,
utility rooms or janitorial closets.

(3) Uniform door numbering utilizing the International
Fire Training Association Standard whereby "A" represents the
approach or front of the building. Side "B" would represent
the left side, "C" the backside and "D" the right side.

(b) Regulations and procedures.--The agency shall adopt
regulations and procedures necessary for public schools to
implement the system.

Section 4. Implementation.

(a) Submission.--The agency shall submit the adopted
regulations and procedures to the emergency service responders
and public schools for implementation.

(b) Time limits.--The public schools shall have no less than
six months but no more than one year to implement the agency
regulations.

Section 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.