

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, BOBACK, FARRY, GROVE, JAMES, WARD,  
WATSON AND ZIMMERMAN, JANUARY 25, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 25, 2017

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," in terms and courses of study,  
6 providing for instruction in the events and significance of  
7 September 11, 2001.

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 1555. Instruction in the Events and Significance of  
14 September 11, 2001.--(a) The Department of Education shall  
15 establish a model curriculum for instruction in the events and  
16 significance of September 11, 2001, no later than twelve (12)  
17 months after the effective date of this section. The model  
18 curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, all of the  
19 following topics where appropriate:

20 (1) The historical context of terrorism.

1     (2) The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the  
2     Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed in  
3     Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

4     (3) American recovery and response to the attacks.

5     (4) Global challenges and consequences in a post-September  
6     11 world.

7     (b) The Department of Education shall make available on the  
8     department's publicly accessible Internet website curriculum  
9     materials and other available resources regarding the events and  
10    significance of September 11, 2001, for school entities.

11    (c) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"  
12    shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter  
13    school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area  
14    vocational-technical school.

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