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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 6, 2019

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 human trafficking prevention education.

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 1528. Human Trafficking Prevention Education.--(a)
13 Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each public school
14 student in grades six through twelve shall receive annual
15 instruction on human trafficking prevention.

16 (b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each school
17 entity shall develop an age-appropriate human trafficking
18 prevention program and incorporate this program into the health

1 course of study or another appropriate course of study in
2 accordance with State Board of Education regulations.

3 (c) The human trafficking prevention program developed under
4 subsection (b) shall include, but not be limited to, the
5 following:

6 (1) Information on the warning signs of human trafficking.

7 (2) Terms used by human traffickers.

8 (3) Signs that indicate a human trafficker's malicious
9 intent toward an individual.

10 (4) Websites that are popular with human traffickers.

11 (5) Differences between labor trafficking and sex
12 trafficking.

13 (6) Examples of human trafficking.

14 (7) At-risk populations for human trafficking.

15 (8) Details on how a student can get help to prevent and
16 report human trafficking.

17 (9) The importance of community-based organizations, such as
18 rape crisis centers, in preventing sexual exploitation and
19 trafficking.

20 (10) The relationship between human trafficking and sexual
21 assault and sexual exploitation.

22 (d) A student may be excused from a class providing
23 instruction under this section upon the written request from a
24 student's parent or guardian.

25 (e) Within one hundred eighty (180) days of enactment of
26 this section, the department shall develop a model human
27 trafficking prevention program for a school entity to utilize to
28 comply with the requirements of this section. This model program
29 shall be publicly available on the department's publicly
30 accessible Internet website and shall be based on nationally

1 recognized principles of successful prevention programs.

2 (f) A school entity may, but shall not be required to, use
3 the model program developed under subsection (e) to comply with
4 the requirements of this section.

5 (g) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the department
6 shall develop and make available to all school entities in-
7 service training programs based upon the instruction
8 requirements established under this section and the model
9 prevention program developed under subsection (e). The in-
10 service training programs developed under this subsection shall
11 be revised when necessary to ensure that the in-service training
12 programs provide the most current information.

13 (h) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and every three
14 (3) years thereafter, each school district shall provide, as
15 part of the school district's in-service training, programs
16 based upon the instruction requirements established under this
17 section for all instructors whose teaching responsibilities
18 include courses of study in which such mandated instruction is
19 integrated. To comply with this requirement, a school district
20 may utilize the in-service training programs made available
21 under subsection (g).

22 (i) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
23 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
24 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

25 "Department" shall mean the Department of Education of the
26 Commonwealth.

27 "School entity" shall mean a school district, joint school
28 district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter
29 school, intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school.

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