AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in school health services, providing for parent educational information regarding eating disorders.

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

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

Section 1425. Parent Educational Information Regarding Eating Disorders.--(a) Each board of school directors shall annually provide parent educational information regarding eating disorders for pupils in grades five (5) through twelve (12). The information shall be consistent with guidelines established by the Department of Education under subsection (b).

(b) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Health, shall develop and implement guidelines for
providing parent educational information regarding eating disorders. The policies shall be developed in consultation with organizations and entities, including boards of school directors, school superintendents, the National Eating Disorders Association, the Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation and the Academy for Eating Disorders.

(c) In carrying out its duties under this section, the Department of Education and the Department of Health shall identify and develop appropriate additions or revisions to this Commonwealth's school health regulations related to development of parent educational information, including guidance regarding the clear delineation of such health information from other administrative documentation.

(d) The guidelines developed for boards of school directors under this section shall include the following:

(1) The optional development of an eating disorder screening program.

(2) Specification of training needs and requirements for personnel and volunteers.

(3) Appropriate opt-out and exemption procedures.

(4) Parental notification procedures for positive indications of an eating disorder.

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