
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY LYNCH, FREIND, DOYLE, STAPLETON, O'KEEFE,
TENAGLIO, GARZIA, ZEARFOSS, SPITZ, PARKER AND RYAN,
JULY 28, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 28, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for trespass on public
3 school property.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3503 of Title 18, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 3503. Criminal trespass.

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11 (b.1) School property.--

12 (1) The following words and phrases when used in this
13 subsection shall have, unless the context clearly indicates
14 otherwise, the meanings given to them in this paragraph:

15 "Enter or remain unlawfully." To enter or remain upon
16 property without license or privilege to do so. A person who
17 enters or remains in or upon property which is at the time
18 open to the public does so with license and privilege unless

1 he fails or refuses to obey an order or directive not to
2 enter or remain personally communicated to him or publically
3 announced by one who is authorized to give such an order or
4 unless he fails or refuses to obey a directive embodied in a
5 posted notice which directs visitors to report to an
6 administration office located on the property before
7 proceeding elsewhere on the property. A license or privilege
8 to enter or remain on property which is only partly open to
9 the public is not a license or privilege to enter or remain
10 on any part of the property which is not open to the public.

11 "Public school property." Any building, structure or
12 land owned or leased by a school district.

13 "School district." All school districts, authorities,
14 and educational institutions receiving appropriated moneys
15 from this Commonwealth.

16 (2) A person commits an offense if, knowing he is not
17 licensed or privileged to do so, he enters or remains
18 unlawfully in any public school property.

19 (3) An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor of
20 the second degree.

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