

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2093 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BURNS AND GALLAGHER, DECEMBER 10, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, DECEMBER 10, 1979

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," further providing for authority of
6 school officials over pupils and providing penalties for
7 certain interference therewith.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1317, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
11 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July
12 25, 1963 (P.L.315, No.169), is amended to read:

13 Section 1317. Authority of Teachers, Vice Principals and
14 Principals over Pupils.--Every teacher, vice principal and
15 principal in the public schools shall have the right to exercise
16 the same authority as to conduct and behavior over the pupils
17 attending his school, during the time they are in attendance,
18 including the time required in going to and from their homes, as
19 the parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to such
20 pupils may exercise over them. The same school authorities

1 during such times shall refuse to surrender physical custody of
2 children in parental custody disagreements to a parent not
3 having custody. Any parent attempting to gain such custody
4 during such times shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third
5 degree. School authorities shall surrender physical custody of
6 such children only to the parent, guardian or person in parental
7 relationship who enrolled the children into the school district.

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