

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 798 Session of  
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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," prohibiting practicing of  
6 psychological methods by public school teachers and  
7 counselors.

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 108.1. Psychological Practice.--Public school  
14 teachers and guidance counselors shall not practice  
15 psychological methods, except in the context of simple acts of  
16 persuasion or crisis intervention, as defined by the act of  
17 March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), known as the "Professional  
18 Psychologists Practice Act," and any practice of psychological  
19 methods shall be permissible only with prior, written, informed  
20 parental consent.

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