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MARCH 17, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 17, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for an Office of  
21 Parental Involvement in the Department of Education.

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

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 1316.2. Office of Parental Involvement.--(a) There  
3 is hereby established in the Department of Education an Office  
4 of Parental Involvement to promote parental participation in  
5 public education. The office shall:

6 (1) Serve as a central location from which parents may  
7 obtain information concerning State laws, local school district  
8 policies, and agency policies that affect public education and  
9 parental rights.

10 (2) Receive, investigate, and, if possible, resolve  
11 complaints from parents concerning public education as it  
12 relates to their children.

13 (3) Assist school districts in providing training to parents  
14 in site-based decision making skills and procedures.

15 (b) If the office is unable to resolve a complaint received  
16 under subsection (a)(2), a parent may pursue further review of  
17 the complaint with the department.

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