

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2588 Session of
2004

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WHEATLEY, WILT AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 15, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 15, 2004

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 employment of
6 school health personnel.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1410 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added July 15,
11 1957 (P.L.937, No.404), is amended to read:

12 Section 1410. Employment of School Health Personnel.--(a)
13 Except as otherwise provided in this article, all school
14 districts alone or jointly with other districts or joint school
15 boards shall employ school physicians and school dentists but

1 only with the approval of the Secretary of Health, and shall
2 compensate them on a basis agreed upon by the school physician
3 or school dentist and the employing district or joint school
4 board, and shall employ one or more school nurses. Health
5 officers of municipalities may be appointed as school physicians
6 by school districts or joint school boards. For special
7 examinations recommended by school physicians, school districts
8 or joint school boards may engage the services of
9 [ophthamologists] ophthalmologists or other licensed medical
10 specialists or of optometrists. Any school district alone or
11 jointly with other districts or joint school boards may employ
12 dental hygienists and such other technical and clerical
13 personnel as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this
14 article.

15 (b) School nurses who are not CPR certified by a Department
16 of Health-approved certifying agency by July 1, 2004, shall
17 complete CPR training within one year. Persons hired for a
18 position as a school nurse after July 1, 2004, shall be CPR
19 certified or complete CPR certification through a Department of
20 Health-approved certifying agency within one year of their hire
21 date. School nurses shall complete CPR recertification within
22 the time frame established by the approved certifying agency.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.