## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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## AN ACT

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 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the 5 laws relating thereto, " providing for the use of staff 6 mailboxes. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known 9 10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a section to read: 11 12 Section 775.1 Use of Staff Mailboxes. -- The board of school 13 directors of each district shall adopt a comprehensive policy concerning the use of staff mailboxes. The policy shall specify 14 15 those parties who may access the staff mailboxes in order to distribute information. At a minimum, the policy shall prohibit 16 17 the use of staff mailboxes to distribute political campaign materials. For the purposes of this section, the term "staff 18

mailboxes" is defined to include any mailboxes or other mail

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- 1 system located within a school and established to facilitate the
- 2 <u>distribution of information among faculty and staff.</u> For the
- 3 purposes of this section, "political campaign materials"
- 4 <u>includes</u>, but is not limited to, any materials traditionally
- 5 <u>distributed</u> by political campaigns as well as materials
- 6 distributed by other parties which endorse or support a
- 7 particular candidate for public office.
- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.