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WALKO, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, MAHER AND BOYD, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

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 definitions and  
6 for health services.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1401 of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
11 amended by adding a definition to read:

12 Section 1401. Definitions.--As used in this article--  
13 (13) "Screening for diabetes" means a noninvasive  
14 examination that assesses a child's potential to develop  
15 diabetes by examining risk factors that include obesity or any  
16 other factors consistent with increased risk.

17 Section 2. Section 1402(a) of the act, amended August 9,

1 1963 (P.L.642, No.340), is amended to read:

2 Section 1402. Health Services.--(a) Each child of school  
3 age shall be given by methods established by the Advisory Health  
4 Board, (1) a vision test by a school nurse, medical technician  
5 or teacher, (2) a hearing test by a school nurse or medical  
6 technician, (3) a measurement of height and weight by a school  
7 nurse or teacher, (4) tests for tuberculosis under medical  
8 supervision, (5) screening for diabetes by a school nurse,  
9 medical technician or teacher, and [(5)] (6) such other tests as  
10 the Advisory Health Board may deem advisable to protect the  
11 health of the child. Vision tests shall be given at least  
12 annually and other tests at intervals established by the  
13 Advisory Health Board.

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15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.