

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 234 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY VANCE, M. WHITE, EARLL, BOSCOLA, COSTA, KITCHEN,
LOGAN, MADIGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, REGOLA, STACK, THOMPSON, WAUGH
AND WOZNIAK, FEBRUARY 10, 2005

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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," 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
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
11 July 15, 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
16 only with the approval of the Secretary of Health, and shall
17 compensate them on a basis agreed upon by the school physician
18 or school dentist and the employing district or joint school
19 board, and shall employ one or more school nurses. Health

1 officers of municipalities may be appointed as school physicians
2 by school districts or joint school boards. For special
3 examinations recommended by school physicians, school districts
4 or joint school boards may engage the services of
5 [ophthamologists] ophthalmologists or other licensed medical
6 specialists or of optometrists. Any school district alone or
7 jointly with other districts or joint school boards may employ
8 dental hygienists and such other technical and clerical
9 personnel as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this
10 article.

11 (b) School nurses who are not CPR certified by a Department
12 of Health-approved certifying agency by July 1, 2006, shall
13 complete CPR training within one year. Persons hired for a
14 position as a school nurse after July 1, 2006, shall be CPR
15 certified or complete CPR certification through a Department of
16 Health-approved certifying agency within one year of their hire
17 date. School nurses shall complete CPR recertification within
18 the time frame established by the approved certifying agency.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.