

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, CORMAN, FONTANA,
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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," providing for an annual report on the
6 elementary science curriculum grant programs.

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

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

12 Section 117. Annual Report on Elementary Science
13 Curriculum.--(a) The Department of Education shall annually
14 review the operation of any State grant program designed to
15 provide intensive teacher training, professional development
16 opportunities and teaching resources to elementary level science
17 teachers in this Commonwealth and shall compile an annual
18 report.

19 (b) The annual report shall include the following

information for the fiscal year in which the report is issued:

(1) A listing of each school entity that received grant funds, the amount of grant funds received and an identification of whether the grant funds were used to establish, maintain or expand any program related to teacher training, professional development opportunities and teaching resources purchased with the grant funds.

(2) The criteria used to determine the eligibility of a school entity to receive grant funds.

(3) The criteria used to determine the amount of grant funds a school entity received.

(4) The process a school entity utilized to apply for grant funds, including sample copies of any and all application forms, instructions and deadlines.

(5) For each school entity that received grant funds, a listing of the teacher training, professional development opportunities and teaching resources purchased with the grant funds.

(6) For each school entity that received grant funds, the number of students impacted by the teacher training, professional development opportunities and teaching resources purchased with the grant funds.

(7) A listing of any provider of teacher training, professional development opportunities and teaching resources with whom the Department of Education or the Commonwealth holds a contract or agreement where such contract or agreement is used to provide a school entity that received grant funds with teacher training, professional development opportunities and teaching resources.

(c) No later than June 30, 2007, and February 1 of each year

1 thereafter, the Department of Education shall submit the report
2 required under this section to the chairmen and minority
3 chairmen of the Appropriations Committee and the Education
4 Committee of the Senate and to the chairmen and minority
5 chairmen of the Appropriations Committee and of the Education
6 Committee of the House of Representatives. The annual report
7 shall be included on the Department of Education's Internet
8 website.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.