

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 808** Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, CORMAN, FONTANA,
ARMSTRONG, TOMLINSON, EARLL, M. WHITE AND FOLMER,
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SENATOR RHOADES, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, MAY 1, 2007

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 high school curriculum enhancement 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 High School Curriculum
13 Enhancement Grant Programs.--(a) The Department of Education
14 shall annually review the operation of any State grant program
15 designed to strengthen high school curricula in school entities
16 in this Commonwealth by creating rigorous college and career
17 preparatory programs, increasing academic achievement, providing
18 school-based counseling and providing professional development
19 in this Commonwealth and shall compile an annual report.

(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 creating rigorous college and career preparatory programs, increasing academic achievement, providing school-based counseling and providing professional development.

(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 college and career preparatory program enhancements, academic achievement improvements, school-based counseling programs and professional development opportunities purchased with the grant funds.

(6) For each school entity that received grant funds, the number of students impacted by the college and career preparatory program enhancements, academic achievement improvements, school-based counseling programs and professional development opportunities purchased with the grant funds.

(7) A listing of any provider of the college and career preparatory program enhancements, academic achievement improvements, school-based counseling programs and professional development opportunities with whom the Department of Education

1 or the Commonwealth holds a contract or agreement where such
2 contract or agreement is used to provide a school entity that
3 received grant funds with the college and career preparatory
4 program enhancements, academic achievement improvements, school-
5 based counseling programs and professional development
6 opportunities resources.

7 (8) AN ASSESSMENT OF ANY IMPACT THE PROGRAM HAS HAD ON <—
8 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS.

9 (c) No later than ~~June 30, 2007,~~ FEBRUARY 1, 2008, and <—
10 February 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of Education
11 shall submit the report required under this section to the
12 chairmen and minority chairmen of the Appropriations Committee
13 and the Education Committee of the Senate and to the chairmen
14 and minority chairmen of the Appropriations Committee and of the
15 Education Committee of the House of Representatives. The annual
16 report shall be included on the Department of Education's
17 Internet website.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.