

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 29, 2012

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 the Office for
6 Safe Schools; IN HIGH SCHOOLS, PROVIDING FOR WEARING OF
7 MILITARY UNIFORM AT GRADUATION CEREMONY; AND, IN STATE BOARD
8 OF EDUCATION, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
9 BOARD. ←

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 1302-A(b) of the act of March 10, 1949
13 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
14 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

15 Section 1302-A. Office for Safe Schools.--* * *

16 (b) The office shall have the power and duty to implement
17 the following:

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19 (8) To develop telephone hotlines AND INTERNET NOTIFICATION ←
20 SYSTEMS ensuring anonymity to be used by students, parents,

1 teachers, school employes and members of the community to report
2 potential or actual violence or possession of weapons on school
3 property.

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5 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ: ←

6 SECTION 1616. WEARING OF MILITARY UNIFORM AT GRADUATION
7 CEREMONY.--A STUDENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO WEAR A DRESS
8 UNIFORM ISSUED TO THE STUDENT BY A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES
9 ARMED FORCES WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR
10 THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL IF THAT STUDENT MEETS THE FOLLOWING
11 REQUIREMENTS:

12 (1) THE STUDENT HAS FULFILLED ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
13 RECEIVING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN THIS COMMONWEALTH AND IS
14 OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

15 (2) THE STUDENT HAS COMPLETED BASIC TRAINING FOR, AND IS AN
16 ACTIVE MEMBER OF, A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

17 SECTION 3. SECTION 2603-B(H) OF THE ACT, ADDED MARCH 30,
18 1988 (P.L.321, NO.43), IS AMENDED TO READ:

19 SECTION 2603-B. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD.--* * *

20 (H) EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT A MASTER
21 PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH SHALL BE FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE
22 GOVERNOR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
23 EDUCATION FINANCED WHOLLY OR IN PART FROM STATE APPROPRIATIONS.
24 THE MASTER PLAN SHALL:

25 [(1) DEFINE THE ROLE OF EACH TYPE OF INSTITUTION (STATE-
26 OWNED UNIVERSITIES, STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY
27 COLLEGES, PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND OFF-CAMPUS
28 CENTERS OF ANY OF THESE AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED TO
29 GRANT DEGREES) IN THIS COMMONWEALTH;

30 (2) RECOMMEND ENROLLMENT LEVELS FOR EACH SUCH INSTITUTION;

(3) RECOMMEND METHODS FOR GOVERNANCE;

(4) RECOMMEND METHODS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE FUNDS
AMONG THE INSTITUTIONS;

(5) EVALUATE THE STATUS OF PHYSICAL PLANTS AND TECHNICAL
EQUIPMENT AND PROJECT NEEDS;

(6) EVALUATE THE STATUS OF AND PROJECTION OF MANPOWER NEEDS;

(7) EVALUATE ENROLLMENT ACCESSIBILITY TO INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER LEARNING BY THE PUBLIC; AND

(8) OTHERWISE PROVIDE FOR AN ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.]

(1) DESCRIBE THE CURRENT HIGHER EDUCATION LANDSCAPE IN THIS
COMMONWEALTH;

(2) IDENTIFY UNMET NEEDS AND GAPS WITH REGARD TO CAREER
FIELDS AND GEOGRAPHIC AND FINANCIAL ACCESS;

(3) IDENTIFY EMERGING HIGHER EDUCATION ISSUES AND RECOMMEND
STRATEGIES AND OPTIONS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES;

(4) IDENTIFY GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION WITH
BASIC EDUCATION, WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER RELATED SYSTEMS; AND

(5) OUTLINE A PLAN FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD TO REVISE OR
UPDATE ITS HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATIONS.

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Section 2 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

