THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY TRUITT, CREIGHTON, DAVIDSON, GEIST, KAUFFMAN, KNOWLES, MOUL, PAYTON, ROCK AND ROSS, APRIL 4, 2012

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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain 2 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial 3 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the 4 laws relating thereto," in preliminary provisions, further 5 providing for background checks of prospective employees and conviction of employees of certain offenses. 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 10 Section 1. Section 111 heading of the act of March 10, 1949 11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended December 19, 1990 (P.L.1362, No.211), is amended and the 12 13 section is amended by adding a subsection to read: 14 Section 111. Background Checks of Prospective Employes and 15 Volunteers; Conviction of Employes of Certain Offenses. --* * * 16 (c.3) (1) If a public or private school, intermediate unit 17 or area vocational-technical school requires a volunteer to 18 submit a report of criminal history record information that 19 satisfies subsection (b) or a set of fingerprints for Federal

criminal history record information that satisfies subsection

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- 1 (c), then the public or private school, intermediate unit or
- 2 area vocational-technical school shall reimburse the volunteer
- 3 for the cost of obtaining the information.
- 4 (2) The Department of Education shall, to the extent funds
- 5 are appropriated or otherwise made available to the department
- 6 for such purpose, pay each public or private school,
- 7 intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school for the
- 8 costs incurred in obtaining the information specified in
- 9 paragraph (1) from volunteers.
- 10 (3) For purposes of this subsection, a "volunteer" is a
- 11 person who provides services to a public or private school,
- 12 <u>intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school without</u>
- 13 compensation or other remuneration from the public or private
- 14 school, intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school
- 15 for the services.
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- 17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.