

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 421 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY WARD, BROWNE AND WOZNIAK, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

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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," establishing recovery schools.

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

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

11 Section 502.2. Establishment of Recovery Schools.--(a) An
12 intermediate unit may, upon approval of the governing board of
13 directors of the intermediate unit, establish or designate an
14 independent school for secondary students who have completed a
15 residential drug and alcohol treatment program or are receiving
16 outpatient drug and alcohol treatment services. The independent
17 school shall be known as a recovery school and shall provide
18 services to facilitate the student's recovery from drug or
19 alcohol addiction.

20 (b) Operational control of the recovery school shall be

1 granted to the governing body of the recovery school, which may
2 be the governing body of a school district, a charter school,
3 regional charter school, a cyber charter school, an education
4 management service provider, a nonprofit or for-profit drug and
5 alcohol treatment facility or a governing body selected by the
6 governing board of directors of the intermediate unit under
7 section 502.1(a).

8 (c) The agreement between the governing body of the
9 intermediate unit and the recovery school must meet the
10 requirements of section 502.1(b), (d) and (e). Section 502.1(c)
11 shall apply if the governing body of a school district operates
12 the recovery school.

13 (d) For the purposes of this section, the following words
14 and phrases shall have the following meanings:

15 "Education management service provider" shall have the same
16 meaning as given in section 501(b)(3).

17 "Secondary student" shall mean a student attending grade
18 seven (7) through grade twelve (12).

19 "Residential drug and alcohol treatment program" shall mean a
20 twenty-eight (28) day minimum detoxification program at a drug
21 and alcohol treatment facility.

22 "Outpatient drug and alcohol treatment service" shall mean a
23 comprehensive range of medical and rehabilitative services to
24 alleviate adverse medical, psychological or physical effects
25 incident to addiction to drugs or alcohol, or both.

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