

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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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," in terms and courses of study,
 6 providing for moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

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 1555. Moment of silence on September 11
 13 anniversary.--(a) Beginning with school year 2020-2021 and any
 14 subsequent school year when September 11 occurs on a school day,
 15 each school entity shall conduct a moment of silence during
 16 instructional hours for students and faculty to observe the
 17 anniversary of September 11, 2001, as a remembrance of the
 18 thousands of military service persons, government employees,
 19 civilians and emergency responders who lost their lives or were

1 wounded by terrorist attacks on that date.

2 (b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the Department
3 of Education shall make available to all school entities in-
4 service training programs based upon the moment of silence
5 provided for under subsection (a) and curriculum guidelines.

6 (c) The Department of Education shall provide the
7 guidelines, in-service training and any other materials
8 developed in accordance with this section to any nonpublic
9 school within this Commonwealth upon receiving a request from
10 the nonpublic school.

11 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and
12 regulations necessary for the implementation of this section
13 pursuant to the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as
14 the "Regulatory Review Act."

15 (e) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"
16 shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter
17 school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area
18 vocational-technical school.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.