

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 907 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY REGAN, BREWSTER, ROBINSON, DiSANTO, ROTHMAN AND ARGALL, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

SENATOR ARGALL, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 24, 2023

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 school security, providing for
6 school security personnel.

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 1316-C. School security personnel.

13 (a) School day.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
14 beginning in the 2023-2024 WITH THE 2024-2025 school year, a <--
15 school entity shall have one armed school security personnel on
16 duty during the school day at each school building.

17 (b) Extracurricular activities.--A governing body of a
18 school entity may decide to have an armed school security
19 personnel on duty at the school campus IN A SCHOOL BUILDING OR <--
20 ON SCHOOL PREMISES during extracurricular activities that occur

1 outside of the school day.

2 (c) Certification.--A school entity must certify to the
3 School Safety and Security Committee that an armed school
4 security personnel satisfies the requirements of this article.

5 (d) Powers and duties.--

6 (1) School police officers shall have the powers and
7 duties provided under section 1302-C.

8 (2) School resource officers shall have the powers and
9 duties provided under section 1313-C.

10 (3) School security guards shall have the powers and
11 duties provided under section 1314-C.

12 (4) School security personnel may have other duties as
13 assigned by the school entity.

14 (e) Funding.--Money allocated to the School Safety and
15 Security Fund for the School Safety and Security Grant Program
16 may be used for the requirements of this section.

17 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
18 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
19 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "School campus." The grounds and buildings of a school that <--
21 is, or is part of, a school entity.

22 "SCHOOL BUILDING." A BUILDING OWNED BY OR UNDER THE CONTROL <--
23 OF A SCHOOL ENTITY WHERE CLASSES ARE TAUGHT OR EXTRACURRICULAR
24 ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED ON A REGULAR BASIS.

25 "School day." The hours between the morning opening of a
26 school building and the afternoon dismissal of students on a day
27 which classes are in session on the school campus. <--

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