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Senate of Pennsylvania

December 13, 2010

TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Stewart J. Greenleaf *Stewart*
SUBJECT: Cosponsorship -- **Elderly volunteers**

I am reintroducing **Senate Bill 362**, amending The Administrative Code of 1929 (Act 175) to authorize the Department of Aging to make grants to programs that allow elderly volunteers to work with children who have special needs. The programs may include tutoring and assisting children with learning skills, working with at-risk youngsters, drop-out prevention, drug and alcohol abuse education, working with children who have special physical or emotional needs, and working with teenage parents.

The department shall develop criteria for determining eligibility and awarding grants that include the success and quality of the program, the degree of interaction with other programs or institutions, and the length of time that the program has been in existence.

Elderly Pennsylvanians have much to offer. I believe that Pennsylvania should do everything possible to encourage programs that will give our senior citizens an opportunity to use their knowledge and experience in helping our children.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Pat Snively of my office by e-mailing her at psnively@pasen.gov.