

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 protection from sexual abuse.

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 1513.1. Protection from Sexual Abuse.--(a) In
13 kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools, there shall be a
14 course of instruction in recognition and reporting of sexual
15 abuse of children.

16 (b) The course of instruction shall include:

17 (1) Understanding appropriate and inappropriate contact.

18 (2) Recognition of sexually predatory behavior. This
19 paragraph includes secretive locations, language and activity.

1 (3) Reporting procedures. This paragraph includes
2 identification of adults who can be of assistance to a victim.

3 (c) The course of instruction shall be prepared and adopted
4 according to age levels by the Department of Education with the
5 advice and counsel of the Council of Basic Education and the
6 approval of the State Board of Education.

7 Section 2. The addition of section 1513.1 of the act shall
8 apply to school years beginning after June 30, 2013.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

