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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in safe schools, providing for parental notification of certain incidents.

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By Hon. _____	

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There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the lives of people with a mental health problem, and to reduce the stigma and discrimination that they experience. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the development of mental health services, the establishment of mental health charities, and the development of mental health legislation.

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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 safe schools, providing for
6 parental notification of certain incidents.

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 1314-A. Parental Notification.--(a) All school
13 entities shall adopt a policy and procedure for notification, in
14 a timely manner, of all parents, guardians or custodial parents
15 of students who:

16 (1) Are involved in incidents which are required to be
17 reported in the school safety report submitted to the Department
18 of Education.

19 (2) Incur other serious injuries on school property, on the
20 school bus or at a school activity.

1 (b) Parents, guardians or custodial parents of students
2 include, for purposes of this section, parents, guardians or
3 custodial parents of students that are either perpetrators or
4 victims of incidents which:

5 (1) Are required to be reported in the school safety report
6 submitted to the Department of Education.

7 (2) Result in any other injuries occurring on school
8 property, the school bus or at a school activity.

9 (c) Parents, guardians or custodial parents may be notified
10 in person, by telephone, by e-mail, by text message or by
11 certified mail. School entities shall make a reasonable effort
12 to notify a parent, guardian or custodial parent in the
13 preferred manner indicated on the contact information of the
14 parent, guardian or custodial parent. The preferred method of
15 notification must be documented. In the event of a school or
16 districtwide emergency, the school entity may use alternative
17 methods to notify parents, guardians or custodial parents.

18 (d) A school entity must maintain current contact
19 information for each parent, guardian or custodial parent. The
20 contact information must allow parents, guardians and custodial
21 parents to identify a preferred method of contact in the event
22 that parental notification is required.

23 (e) Each school entity shall provide training regarding the
24 requirements of this section to all staff who come into contact
25 with children. The training shall include recognizing incidents
26 that trigger the notification requirement, the school entity's
27 policy and procedure for notification and the record-keeping and
28 reporting requirements. Training required under this section may
29 be incorporated with other training and in-service activities of
30 the school entity.

1 (f) All incidents that are required to be reported under
2 section 1303-A(b) shall be subject to the requirements of this
3 section.

4 (g) The Secretary of Education may withhold State payments
5 to the school district that fails to comply with this section.

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

