

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 use of graphic content in classroom.

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 1512.2. Use of Graphic Content in Classroom.--(a)
13 Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, except as provided
14 under subsection (b), a public school or nonpublic school
15 curriculum may not include visual instruction or visual aids
16 that contain the following:

17 (1) Obscene content.

18 (2) Indecent content.

19 (3) Profane content.

20 (4) Violent content consisting of behavior involving

1 physical force intended to hurt, damage or kill someone or
2 something.

3 (b) The content described under subsection (a) may be
4 included in visual instruction or visual aids and viewed by a
5 student if a parent or legal guardian of the student signs and
6 returns to the public school or nonpublic school an
7 authorization form within five (5) school days of receiving the
8 form.

9 (c) A public school and nonpublic school shall establish a
10 graphic content policy and post the policy on the school's
11 publicly accessible Internet website.

12 (d) The Department of Education shall develop an
13 authorization form and guidelines to administer this section.

14 (e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
15 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
16 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Nonpublic school" shall mean as the term is defined in
18 section 922.1-A(b).

19 "Public school" shall mean a school district, charter school,
20 cyber charter school, regional charter school, intermediate unit
21 or area career and technical school.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.