

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 safety and security,
6 further providing for School Safety and Security Grant
7 Program and providing for COVID-19 disaster emergency school
8 health and safety grants for 2021-2022 school year and for
9 COVID-19 disaster emergency targeted health and safety grants
10 for 2021-2022 school year.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 1306-B(h) of the act of March 10, 1949
14 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
15 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

16 Section 1306-B. School Safety and Security Grant Program.

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18 (h) School Safety and Security Fund.--

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20 (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during
21 the 2021-2022 fiscal year, \$10,000,000 of the money in the

1 fund shall be used for grants under sections 1314-B and 1315-

2 B. The committee shall ensure that:

3 (i) grant money is distributed equitably for both
4 sets of grants under sections 1314-B and 1315-B, so that
5 grants are not exclusively or primarily allocated under
6 only one section; and

7 (ii) the per-student allocations for intermediate
8 units on behalf of nonpublic schools do not exceed the
9 per-student allocations for school entities, as defined
10 in section 1314-B(f).

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12 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

13 Section 1314-B. COVID-19 disaster emergency school health and
14 safety grants for 2021-2022 school year.

15 (a) Funding.--For the 2021-2022 school year, the amount of
16 money available under section 1306-B(h) (9) shall be used by the
17 committee to award school health and safety grants to school
18 entities as a result of the COVID-19 disaster emergency.

19 (b) Purposes of grants.--Each school entity shall be
20 eligible for a school health and safety grant as a result of the
21 COVID-19 disaster emergency for the following purposes:

22 (1) Purchasing of cleaning and sanitizing products that
23 meet the criteria for the Centers for Disease Control and
24 Prevention or Department of Health.

25 (2) Purchasing of equipment, including personal
26 protective equipment, thermometers, infrared cameras and
27 other necessary items.

28 (3) Modification of existing areas to effectuate
29 appropriate social distancing to ensure the health and safety
30 of students and staff.

1 (c) Applications.--

2 (1) The committee shall develop and make an application
3 available to school entities no later than October 20, 2021.

4 (2) The application shall include the following
5 information:

6 (i) Contact information for the school entity.

7 (ii) The specific purpose for which the grant shall
8 be utilized, based upon the categories specified in
9 subsection (b), with boxes on the application for the
10 applicant to indicate the anticipated use of the grant
11 money.

12 (iii) Certification by the applicant that the funds
13 will be used for the stated purpose.

14 (iv) Any other information required by the
15 committee.

16 (3) Each school entity must submit an application for
17 grant money no later than October 30, 2021.

18 (d) Amount of grants.--The committee shall allocate grants
19 on or before November 15, 2021, to each school entity that
20 submits an application, in an amount determined as follows:

21 (1) Multiply the 2019-2020 average daily membership for
22 each school district by the amount available in subsection
23 (a).

24 (2) Divide the product from paragraph (1) by the 2019-
25 2020 average daily membership for all school districts.

26 (e) Audit and monitoring.--The committee shall randomly
27 audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use
28 of grant money and compliance with provisions of the grant
29 program.

30 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
2 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "COVID-19 disaster emergency." The disaster emergency as
4 described in the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by
5 the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March
6 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

7 "School entity." As follows:

8 (1) A school district, area career and technical school,
9 intermediate unit, charter school or regional charter school.

10 (2) The term does not include a cyber charter school.

11 Section 1315-B. COVID-19 disaster emergency targeted health and
12 safety grants for 2021-2022 school year.

13 (a) Funding.--For the 2021-2022 school year, the amount of
14 money available under 1306-B(h) (9) shall be used by the
15 committee to award targeted grants to intermediate units on
16 behalf of nonpublic schools as a result of the COVID-19 disaster
17 emergency.

18 (b) Purpose of targeted grants.--Targeted health and safety
19 grant awards shall be made by the committee to intermediate
20 units on behalf of nonpublic schools to fund the following
21 programs, items or services that address the results of the
22 COVID-19 disaster emergency:

23 (1) Purchasing of cleaning and sanitizing products that
24 meet the criteria specified by the Centers for Disease
25 Control and Prevention or the Department of Health.

26 (2) Purchasing of equipment, including personal
27 protective equipment, thermometers, infrared cameras and
28 other necessary items.

29 (3) Modification of existing areas to effectuate
30 appropriate social distancing to ensure the health and safety

1 of students and staff.

2 (c) Applications.--

3 (1) The committee shall develop and make an application
4 available to intermediate units to apply for targeted grants
5 on behalf of nonpublic schools no later than October 20,
6 2021.

7 (2) The committee shall notify intermediate units and
8 nonpublic schools of the availability of grants under this
9 program, including the deadlines for application.

10 (3) An intermediate unit may apply for targeted grants
11 upon the request of a nonpublic school or combination of
12 nonpublic schools located within the intermediate unit.

13 (4) The application shall include the following
14 information:

15 (i) Contact information for the intermediate unit
16 and the nonpublic school.

17 (ii) The specific purpose for which the targeted
18 grant shall be utilized, based upon the categories in
19 subsection (b), with boxes on the application for the
20 applicant to indicate the anticipated use of the targeted
21 grant money.

22 (iii) Certification by the applicant that the funds
23 will be used for the stated purpose.

24 (iv) Any other information required by the
25 committee.

26 (5) Intermediate units must submit applications on
27 behalf of a nonpublic school or combination of nonpublic
28 schools no later than November 8, 2021.

29 (d) Targeted grant allocation.--

30 (1) Targeted grants shall be allocated through a grant

1 review process established by the committee.

2 (2) The targeted grant awards shall be geographically
3 dispersed.

4 (3) No intermediate unit on behalf of a nonpublic school
5 shall be awarded a targeted grant that exceeds \$10,000. For
6 targeted grant applications made by an intermediate unit on
7 behalf of a combination of nonpublic schools, the targeted
8 grant shall not exceed the value of the number of schools for
9 which the intermediate unit is making the combined
10 application multiplied by \$10,000.

11 (4) The committee shall award targeted grants by
12 December 1, 2021.

13 (e) Audit and monitoring.--The committee shall randomly
14 audit and monitor targeted grant recipients to ensure the
15 appropriate use of the targeted grant money and compliance with
16 provisions of the program applicable to targeted grants.

17 (f) Limitations.--In carrying out the duties of this
18 section, the intermediate unit may not use more than 2% of the
19 money the intermediate unit receives under this section for
20 targeted grant administration.

21 (g) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "COVID-19
22 disaster emergency" means the disaster emergency as described in
23 the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
24 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and
25 any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.