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# HOUSE BILL

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RICHARDSON AND FINEMAN, MARCH 17, 1975

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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," providing for a drug education  
6 program and for drug dependence examinations.

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  
11 sections to read:

12 Section 508.1. Drug Education Policy.--The board of school  
13 directors of each district shall adopt a policy regarding its  
14 drug education program by resolution in accordance with  
15 guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, specifying,  
16 among other things: the curriculum to be utilized in teaching  
17 drug education; provisions for inservice training and curriculum  
18 assistance to teachers; minimum qualifications necessary for the  
19 certificated teachers assigned to teach drug education; and

1 responsibility of certificated personnel in teaching or  
2 supervising drug-dependent or debilitated pupils, including the  
3 identification, counseling, and medical referral of these  
4 pupils.

5 Section 1402.1. Drug Dependency Examination.--The school  
6 physician or school nurse shall conduct a program of  
7 identification, counseling and medical referral of drug  
8 dependent and debilitated pupils. Any pupil determined to be  
9 drug dependent and debilitated according to standards  
10 established by the State Board of Education shall be provided  
11 proper care and treatment. Any information which is collected  
12 pursuant to this program shall be confidential.

13 Section 2. Section 1513 of the act is amended to read:

14 Section 1513. Physiology and Hygiene.--Physiology and  
15 hygiene, [which shall in each division of the subject so pursued  
16 include special reference to the effect of alcoholic drinks,  
17 stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system, and] which  
18 shall [also] include special reference to tuberculosis and its  
19 prevention, shall be introduced and studied as a regular branch  
20 by all pupils in all departments of the public schools, and in  
21 all educational institutions supported wholly or in part by  
22 appropriations from this Commonwealth.

23 Section 3. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

24 Section 1513.1. Drug Education.--Instruction shall be given  
25 at each grade level beginning with kindergarten in elementary  
26 and secondary schools on drug education and the effects of the  
27 use of narcotics, controlled substance, alcohol and tobacco.  
28 This instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to  
29 meet the needs of students at their respective grade level.

30 Section 2006.1. Drug Education.--Each college shall offer

1 courses for prospective teachers on drug education and the  
2 effects of the use of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics and controlled  
3 substances. The Department of Education shall continually re-  
4 evaluate approved teacher training institutions to insure that  
5 programs are in conformance with the intent of this section.

6       Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall  
7 apply to school years commencing not less than 60 days after the  
8 effective date of this act.