

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2063** Session of  
1986

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INTRODUCED BY REINARD, GALLAGHER AND BURNS, JANUARY 28, 1986

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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 that rules and regulations  
6 adopted by boards of school directors shall not prevent the  
7 photographing, videotaping or recording of meetings of the  
8 board.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 510 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
12 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended June  
13 29, 1976 (P.L.450, No.110), is amended to read:

14 Section 510. Rules and Regulations; Safety Patrols.--The  
15 board of school directors in any school district may adopt and  
16 enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem  
17 necessary and proper, regarding the management of its school  
18 affairs and the conduct and deportment of all superintendents,  
19 teachers, and other appointees or employes during the time they  
20 are engaged in their duties to the district, as well as

1 regarding the conduct and deportment of all pupils attending the  
2 public schools in the district, during such time as they are  
3 under the supervision of the board of school directors and  
4 teachers, including the time necessarily spent in coming to and  
5 returning from school. Such rules and regulations shall not be  
6 used to prevent members of the board, the general public or the  
7 news media from photographing, videotaping or recording meetings  
8 of the board.

9 In the exercise of this authority the board of school  
10 directors is empowered to organize school safety patrols and,  
11 with the permission of the parents, to appoint pupils as members  
12 thereof, for the purpose of influencing and encouraging the  
13 other pupils to refrain from crossing public highways at points  
14 other than at regular crossings, and for the purpose of  
15 directing pupils not to cross highways at times when the  
16 presence of traffic would render such crossing unsafe. Nothing  
17 herein contained shall be construed to authorize or permit the  
18 use of any safety patrol member for the purpose of directing  
19 vehicular traffic, nor shall any safety patrol member be  
20 stationed in that portion of the highway intended for the use of  
21 vehicular traffic. No liability shall attach either to the  
22 school district, or any individual director, superintendent,  
23 teacher, or other school employe, by virtue of the organization,  
24 maintenance, or operation of a school safety patrol organized,  
25 maintained, and operated under authority of this section.

26 All flags, belts, apparel and devices issued, supplied or  
27 furnished to persons acting in the capacity of special school  
28 police, or special police appointed to control and direct  
29 traffic at or near schools, in order to enhance the conspicuity  
30 of such persons, shall be made from retro-reflective and

1 fluorescent materials visible both day and night at three  
2 hundred (300) feet to approaching motorists using lawful low  
3 beam headlights and shall conform to standards, specifications,  
4 or regulations issued by the State Board of Education. All belts  
5 supplied or furnished to pupils active in the capacity of school  
6 safety patrol members shall be fluorescent.

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