

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 10, 1986

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, OTHER THAN MEETINGS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE CLOSED <—
9 AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS CALLED BY THE BOARD UNDER THE ACT OF JULY
10 19, 1974 (P.L.486, NO.175), REFERRED TO AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY
11 OPEN MEETING LAW.

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

29 All flags, belts, apparel and devices issued, supplied or
30 furnished to persons acting in the capacity of special school

1 police, or special police appointed to control and direct
2 traffic at or near schools, in order to enhance the conspicuity
3 of such persons, shall be made from retro-reflective and
4 fluorescent materials visible both day and night at three
5 hundred (300) feet to approaching motorists using lawful low
6 beam headlights and shall conform to standards, specifications,
7 or regulations issued by the State Board of Education. All belts
8 supplied or furnished to pupils active in the capacity of school
9 safety patrol members shall be fluorescent.

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