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STABACK, McCALL AND COWELL, JUNE 29, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 29, 1989

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," requiring instruction relating to the  
6 cause and prevention of drug and alcohol abuse; and  
7 permitting the employment of a certified addiction counselor  
8 by school districts.

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

11 Section 1. Section 1605 of the act of March 10, 1949  
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
13 amended by adding subsections to read:

14 Section 1605. Courses of Study.--\* \* \*

15 (c) Each public school student in grades kindergarten  
16 through twelve inclusive shall receive mandatory instruction in  
17 alcohol and chemical abuse. The instruction shall be developed  
18 or approved by the Department of Health, Office of Drug and  
19 Alcohol Programs, and shall include, but not be limited to, drug

1 and alcohol information, prevention programming and intervention  
2 programming. The instruction may be integrated into existing  
3 health instruction courses.

4 (d) School boards shall conduct an assessment of the need  
5 for drug, alcohol or chemical abuse referral services and submit  
6 a written report to the Secretary of Education by June 30, 1990.  
7 Such assessment instrument shall be devised by the Department of  
8 Education and made available at no cost to school districts. The  
9 assessment shall not include the testing of individual students  
10 or a survey which permits the identification of the responses of  
11 individual students. Based upon this assessment by local school  
12 boards of the need for such services, a school district may have  
13 an agreement or contract with or employ a person or organization  
14 approved by the Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs or a  
15 certified addictions counselor to handle referral of students  
16 with problems relating to drug, alcohol or chemical abuse.

17 (e) For purposes of reimbursement, any programs or services  
18 developed pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) shall be considered  
19 to be part of actual instructional expenditures.

20 Section 2. This act shall apply to the school year next  
21 commencing after the effective date of this act and to each  
22 school year thereafter.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.