

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BUTKOVITZ, SALOOM, KOSINSKI, LINTON, HARPER,  
JOSEPHS, TIGUE, ARMSTRONG, ARGALL, SAURMAN, KING AND THOMAS,  
JUNE 24, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 24, 1992

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," further providing for religious  
6 symbols.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1112 of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1112. Religious Garb, Insignia, etc.[, Prohibited;  
13 Penalty.--(a) That no]--No teacher or other professional  
14 employe in any public school [shall wear] may be prohibited from  
15 wearing any religious dress, mark, emblem or insignia in said  
16 school or while engaged in the performance of [his duty as such  
17 teacher any] professional duties unless the dress, mark, emblem  
18 or insignia [indicating the fact that such teacher is a member  
19 or adherent of any religious order, sect or denomination] is

1 disruptive of the educational process.

2       [(b) Any teacher employed in any of the public schools of  
3 this Commonwealth, who violates the provisions of this section,  
4 shall be suspended from employment in such school for the term  
5 of one year, and in case of a second offense by the same teacher  
6 he shall be permanently disqualified from teaching in said  
7 school. Any public school director who after notice of any such  
8 violation fails to comply with the provisions of this section  
9 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of the  
10 first offense, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding  
11 one hundred dollars (\$100), and on conviction of a second  
12 offense, the offending school director shall be sentenced to pay  
13 a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) and shall be  
14 deprived of his office as a public school director. A person  
15 thus twice convicted shall not be eligible to appointment or  
16 election as a director of any public school in this Commonwealth  
17 within a period of five (5) years from the date of his second  
18 conviction.]

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