

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, E. Z. TAYLOR, ADOLPH, BELFANTI, CIVERA, COLAFELLA, FAIRCHILD, FARGO, FREEMAN, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, MAHER, McCALL, RAMOS, READSHAW, RUBLEY, SAINATO, STABACK, THOMAS, TRELLO, WILLIAMS, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD AND GEORGE, MARCH 8, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 8, 1999

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 juvenile crime
6 programs.

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 a
11 section to read:

12 Section 1550. Juvenile Crime Program.--Beginning with the
13 1999-2000 school year and each subsequent year thereafter, the
14 Department of Education shall have the power and its duty shall
15 be to:

16 (1) Develop and provide resource information to educators
17 and public and private elementary and secondary schools and
18 organizations on juvenile crime.

1 (2) Provide for distribution to school entities and public
2 and private or nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in
3 this Commonwealth materials on juvenile crime. Such materials
4 shall include, but need not be limited to, the mechanics of the
5 juvenile justice system and the nature of delinquency
6 proceedings, the penalties for committing a crime that would be
7 graded higher than a misdemeanor if committed by an adult and
8 the consequences of committing a crime.

9 (3) The Secretary of Education shall prepare and submit an
10 annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly outlining
11 juvenile crime programs and achievements, highlighting new
12 initiatives and recommending future programs.

13 (4) The Secretary of Education shall consult at least
14 annually with the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police,
15 and other law enforcement personnel which the Secretary of
16 Education deems necessary, in order to prepare the materials and
17 assess the trends of juvenile crime in this Commonwealth.

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