

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 856 Session of  
2003

INTRODUCED BY BLAUM, GRUCELA, SOLOBAY, DeWEESE, HERMAN,  
LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, CRUZ, HARHAI, LEACH, THOMAS, BELFANTI,  
TIGUE, KIRKLAND, YOUNGBLOOD, GOODMAN, GEIST, JOSEPHS,  
WASHINGTON, CIVERA, HORSEY, JAMES, REICHLEY, WANSACZ AND  
McGEEHAN, MARCH 12, 2003

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 25, 2003

## 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 definitions and~~ <—  
6 for school police officers.

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

9 ~~Section 1. Section 102 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, <—~~  
10 ~~No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by~~  
11 ~~adding clauses to read:~~

12 ~~Section 102. Definitions. When used in this act the~~  
13 ~~following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:~~

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15 ~~(7) "School resource officer" shall mean an officer~~  
16 ~~commissioned by a local law enforcement agency or county sheriff~~  
17 ~~department who is a certified law enforcement officer and whose~~  
18 ~~duty station is in a school.~~

~~(8) "School police officer" shall mean an officer employed by a school district who has been granted powers under section 778(c)(2) or (3) or who has been authorized to carry a firearm, or any combination thereof. The term does not include a school resource officer, school security officer or attendance officer.~~

~~(9) "School security officer" shall mean a noncommissioned officer employed by the school district or a vendor who is assigned to a school for routine safety and security duties and who has not been granted powers under section 778(c)(2) or (3) and does not carry a firearm.~~

~~(10) "Attendance officer" shall mean an officer employed by a school district who is granted power to enforce compulsory school attendance laws.~~

~~Section 2. Section 778 of the act is amended by adding subsections to read:~~

SECTION 1. SECTION 778 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, IS AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

Section 778. School Police Officers.--\* \* \*

(a.1) Any school district which employs a school police officer under this section shall report annually to the Department of Education, Office of Safe Schools, the following information regarding school police officers receiving training as required under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training):

(1) The identity of the school district and the number of school police officers it employs.

(2) The municipalities comprising the school district.

(3) The date and type of training provided to each school police officer.

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2       (b.1) Every school police officer WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED       <—  
3 POWERS UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OR (3) OR HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO  
4 CARRY A FIREARM must, before entering upon the duties of his  
5 office, successfully complete training as set forth in 53  
6 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D.

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8       Section 3 2. This act shall take effect in one year.       <—