
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY VANCE, EARLL, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FUMO,
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STOUT, WAUGH AND C. WILLIAMS, MARCH 14, 2007

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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 employment of
6 school health personnel.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1410 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 repealed and added July 15, 1957 (P.L.937, No.404), is amended
12 to read:

13 Section 1410. Employment of School Health Personnel.--(a)
14 Except as otherwise provided in this article, all school
15 districts alone or jointly with other districts or joint school
16 boards shall employ school physicians and school dentists but
17 only with the approval of the Secretary of Health, and shall
18 compensate them on a basis agreed upon by the school physician
19 or school dentist and the employing district or joint school

1 board, and shall employ one or more school nurses. Health
2 officers of municipalities may be appointed as school physicians
3 by school districts or joint school boards. For special
4 examinations recommended by school physicians, school districts
5 or joint school boards may engage the services of
6 [ophthamologists] ophthalmologists or other licensed medical
7 specialists or of optometrists. Any school district alone or
8 jointly with other districts or joint school boards may employ
9 dental hygienists and such other technical and clerical
10 personnel as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this
11 article.

12 (b) School nurses who are not CPR certified by a Department
13 of Health-approved certifying agency by July 1, 2008, shall
14 complete CPR training within one year. Persons hired for a
15 position as a school nurse after July 1, 2008, shall be CPR
16 certified or complete CPR certification through a Department of
17 Health-approved certifying agency within one year of their hire
18 date. School nurses shall complete CPR recertification within
19 the time frame established by the approved certifying agency.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.