
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STABACK AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 22, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 22, 2009

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; and providing for full-time school
7 nurses.

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

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12 repealed and added July 15, 1957 (P.L.937, No.404), is amended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

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

1 dentist and the employing district or joint school board, and
2 shall employ one or more school nurses as provided under section
3 1410.1. Health officers of municipalities may be appointed as
4 school physicians by school districts or joint school boards.
5 For special examinations recommended by school physicians,
6 school districts or joint school boards may engage the services
7 of ophthalmologists or other licensed medical specialists or of
8 optometrists. Any school district alone or jointly with other
9 districts or joint school boards may employ dental hygienists
10 and such other technical and clerical personnel as are necessary
11 to carry out the provisions of this article.

12 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

13 Section 1410.1. Full-Time School Nurses.--(a) Each school
14 district shall employ a full-time school nurse in each school
15 building within the school district. The school nurse shall be
16 responsible for administering services provided under this
17 article.

18 (b) The cost of adding a new full-time school nurse for each
19 school building shall be evenly shared by the Commonwealth and
20 the school district.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.