

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JULY 15, 2013

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," in terms and courses of study,  
6 providing for emergency lockdown drills.

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 1517.1. Emergency Lockdown Drills.--(a) In all  
13 elementary and secondary public schools emergency lockdown  
14 drills shall be periodically conducted, not less than one a  
15 month, by the teacher or teachers in charge, under rules and  
16 regulations to be promulgated by the district superintendent  
17 having supervision over such schools. In the drills, the pupils  
18 and teachers shall be instructed in, and made thoroughly  
19 familiar with, the steps that are to be taken in the event that

1 the school is put in a lockdown.

2 (b) District superintendents are hereby required to see that  
3 the provisions of this section are faithfully carried out in the  
4 schools over which they have charge.

5 (c) Any person who violates or fails to comply with the  
6 provisions of this section commits a misdemeanor and shall, upon  
7 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-  
8 five dollars (\$25) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or  
9 to imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days nor more than  
10 sixty (60) days, or both.

11 (d) All schools using or contracting for school buses for  
12 the transportation of school children shall conduct on school  
13 grounds two emergency lockdown drills on buses during each  
14 school year, the first to be conducted during the first week of  
15 the first school term and the second during the month of March,  
16 and at such other times as the chief school administrator may  
17 require. Bus operators shall be provided with proper training  
18 and instructions to enable them to carry out the provisions of  
19 this subsection and may be required to attend classes and drills  
20 in connection therewith.

21 (e) On or before the tenth day of April of each year, each  
22 district superintendent shall certify to the Department of  
23 Education that the emergency lockdown drills required under this  
24 section have been held.

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