

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 23, 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," further providing for the Office for
6 Safe Schools; in State Board of Education, further providing
7 for powers and duties of the board.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1302-A(b) of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

13 Section 1302-A. Office for Safe Schools.--* * *

14 (b) The office shall have the power and duty to implement
15 the following:

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17 (8) To develop telephone hotlines and Internet
18 notification systems ensuring anonymity to be used by

1 students, parents, teachers, school employes and members of
2 the community to report potential or actual violence or
3 possession of weapons on school property.

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5 Section 2. Section 2603-B(h) of the act, added March 30,
6 1988 (P.L.321, No.43), is amended to read:

7 Section 2603-B. Powers and Duties of the Board.--* * *

8 (h) Every five (5) years, the board shall adopt a master
9 plan for higher education which shall be for the guidance of the
10 Governor, the General Assembly, and all institutions of higher
11 education financed wholly or in part from State appropriations.
12 The master plan shall:

13 [(1) define the role of each type of institution (State-
14 owned universities, State-related universities, community
15 colleges, private colleges and universities and off-campus
16 centers of any of these and other institutions authorized to
17 grant degrees) in this Commonwealth;

18 (2) recommend enrollment levels for each such institution;

19 (3) recommend methods for governance;

20 (4) recommend methods for the distribution of State funds
21 among the institutions;

22 (5) evaluate the status of physical plants and technical
23 equipment and project needs;

24 (6) evaluate the status of and projection of manpower needs;

25 (7) evaluate enrollment accessibility to institutions of
26 higher learning by the public; and

27 (8) otherwise provide for an orderly development of
28 institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth.]

29 (1) describe the current higher education landscape in this
30 Commonwealth;

1 (2) identify unmet needs and gaps with regard to career
2 fields and geographic and financial access;

3 (3) identify emerging higher education issues and recommend
4 strategies and options designed to address the issues;

5 (4) identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration with
6 basic education, work force development programs, economic
7 development and other related systems; and

8 (5) outline a plan for action by the board to revise or
9 update its higher education regulations.

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