

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1801 Session of 2013

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 9, 2014

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, SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROPRIATED BY THE <--
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THIS PURPOSE, telephone hotlines and

1 Internet notification systems ensuring anonymity to be used
2 by students, parents, teachers, school employes and members
3 of the community to report potential or actual violence or
4 possession of weapons on school property. IN COMPLYING WITH <--
5 THIS PARAGRAPH THE OFFICE MAY CONTRACT WITH ANY STATE AGENCY
6 OR INTERMEDIATE UNIT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

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8 ~~Section 2. Section 2603 B(h) of the act, added March 30, <--~~
9 ~~1988 (P.L.321, No.43), is amended to read:~~

10 ~~Section 2603 B. Powers and Duties of the Board. * * *~~

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

16 ~~{(1) define the role of each type of institution (State~~
17 ~~owned universities, State related universities, community~~
18 ~~colleges, private colleges and universities and off campus~~
19 ~~centers of any of these and other institutions authorized to~~
20 ~~grant degrees) in this Commonwealth;~~

21 ~~(2) recommend enrollment levels for each such institution;~~

22 ~~(3) recommend methods for governance;~~

23 ~~(4) recommend methods for the distribution of State funds~~
24 ~~among the institutions;~~

25 ~~(5) evaluate the status of physical plants and technical~~
26 ~~equipment and project needs;~~

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

28 ~~(7) evaluate enrollment accessibility to institutions of~~
29 ~~higher learning by the public; and~~

30 ~~(8) otherwise provide for an orderly development of~~

1 ~~institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth.]~~

2 ~~(1) describe the current higher education landscape in this~~
3 ~~Commonwealth;~~

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

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

8 ~~(4) identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration with~~
9 ~~basic education, work force development programs, economic~~
10 ~~development and other related systems; and~~

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

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14 Section 3 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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