

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR FOLMER, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, MARCH 19, 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 safe schools, further providing
6 for Office for Safe Schools and providing for allocation of
7 certain appropriated funds.

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

10 ~~Section 1. Section 1302 A(d) of the act of March 10, 1949 <--~~
11 ~~(P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,~~
12 ~~amended November 17, 2010 (P.L.996, No.104), is amended and the~~
13 ~~section is amended by adding subsections to read:~~

14 SECTION 1. SECTION 1302-A(C) (8) AND (11) AND (D) OF THE ACT <--
15 OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
16 CODE OF 1949, AMENDED NOVEMBER 17, 2010 (P.L.996, NO.104), ARE
17 AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO
18 READ:

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

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1 (C) IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES SET FORTH UNDER
2 SUBSECTION (B), THE OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE TARGETED GRANTS
3 TO SCHOOL ENTITIES TO FUND PROGRAMS WHICH ADDRESS SCHOOL
4 VIOLENCE, INCLUDING:

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6 (8) COMPREHENSIVE, DISTRICTWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY [AND],
7 VIOLENCE PREVENTION, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND ALL-HAZARDS
8 PLANS[.], INCLUDING REVISIONS OR UPDATES TO SUCH PLANS AND
9 CONDUCTING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILLS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES
10 WITH LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

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12 [(11) ESTABLISHMENT OR ENHANCEMENT OF SCHOOL SECURITY
13 PERSONNEL, INCLUDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.]

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15 (c.1) In addition to the powers and duties set forth under
16 subsections (b) and (c), the office is authorized to make
17 targeted grants to school entities and to municipalities to fund
18 programs which address school violence by establishing or
19 enhancing school security, including costs associated with the
20 training and compensation of school resource officers and school
21 police officers. Municipalities that receive grants under this
22 subsection shall, with the PRIOR consent of the GOVERNING BOARD <--
23 OF THE SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC school, assign school resource
24 officers to carry out their official duties on the premises of
25 ~~nonpublic schools~~ THE SCHOOL. <--

26 (d) The office shall have the following duties as to
27 targeted grants:

28 (1) Targeted grants shall be allocated through a competitive
29 grant review process established by the office. School entities
30 must satisfy the requirements of this section and section 1303-A

1 to be eligible for grants. The application for a targeted grant
2 shall include:

3 (i) the purpose for which the targeted grant shall be
4 utilized;

5 (ii) information indicating need for the targeted grant,
6 including, but not limited to, school violence statistics;

7 (iii) an estimated budget;

8 (iv) methods for measuring outcomes; and

9 (v) any other criteria as the office may require.

10 (2) The office shall:

11 (i) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to a
12 school entity designated as a persistently dangerous school as
13 defined in 22 Pa. Code § 403.2 (relating to definitions).

14 (ii) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to
15 school entities with the greatest need to establish safety and
16 order.

17 (iii) To the greatest extent possible, ensure that grant
18 funding is geographically dispersed to school entities and
19 municipalities throughout this Commonwealth.

20 (3) The office shall provide all targeted grant agreements
21 to the Department of Education's comptroller for review and
22 approval prior to awarding the grant. The school entity or
23 municipality shall provide the office with full and complete
24 access to all records relating to the performance of the grant,
25 and shall submit, at such time and in such form as may be
26 prescribed, truthful and accurate information that the office
27 may require. The office shall conduct a thorough annual
28 evaluation of each program for which a grant under this section
29 is made. The office shall seek repayment of funds if it
30 determines that funds were not utilized for the original stated

1 purpose.

2 (e) The sum appropriated annually to the Department of
3 Education for the purpose of making targeted grants under this
4 section shall be allocated as follows:

5 (1) Twenty-five percent of the sum shall be allocated for
6 grants under subsection (c).

7 (2) Seventy-five percent of the sum shall be allocated for
8 grants under subsection (c.1).

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, or
10 immediately, whichever is later.