

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 10** Session of
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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, APRIL 16, 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(c)(8) and (11) and (d) of the act
11 of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School
12 Code of 1949, amended November 17, 2010 (P.L.996, No.104), are
13 amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to
14 read:

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

16 (c) In addition to the powers and duties set forth under
17 subsection (b), the office is authorized to make targeted grants
18 to school entities to fund programs which address school
19 violence, including:

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2 (8) Comprehensive, districtwide school safety [and],
3 violence prevention, emergency preparedness and all-hazards
4 plans[.], including revisions or updates to such plans and
5 conducting emergency preparedness drills and related activities
6 with local emergency responders.

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8 [(11) Establishment or enhancement of school security
9 personnel, including school resource officers.]

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11 (c.1) (1) In addition to the powers and duties set forth <--
12 under subsections (b) and (c), the office is authorized to make
13 targeted grants to school entities and to municipalities to fund
14 programs which address school violence by establishing or
15 enhancing school security, including costs associated with the
16 training and compensation of school resource officers and school
17 police officers. Municipalities that receive grants under this
18 subsection shall, with the prior consent of the governing board
19 of the school entity or nonpublic school, assign school resource
20 officers to carry out their official duties on the premises of
21 the school.

22 (2) MUNICIPALITIES MAY NOT RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS UNDER THIS <--
23 SUBSECTION FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
24 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER GRANTS
25 PROVIDED TO SCHOOL ENTITIES UNDER THIS SECTION. IN ASSIGNING
26 SCHOOL RESOURCES OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION,
27 MUNICIPALITIES SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROPORTION OF
28 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN EACH SCHOOL ENTITY OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

29 (d) The office shall have the following duties as to
30 targeted grants:

1 (1) Targeted grants shall be allocated through a competitive
2 grant review process established by the office. School entities
3 must satisfy the requirements of this section and section 1303-A
4 to be eligible for grants. The application for a targeted grant
5 shall include:

6 (i) the purpose for which the targeted grant shall be
7 utilized;

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

10 (iii) an estimated budget;

11 (iv) methods for measuring outcomes; and

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

13 (2) The office shall:

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

17 (ii) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to
18 school entities with the greatest need to establish safety and
19 order.

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

23 (3) The office shall provide all targeted grant agreements
24 to the Department of Education's comptroller for review and
25 approval prior to awarding the grant. The school entity or
26 municipality shall provide the office with full and complete
27 access to all records relating to the performance of the grant,
28 and shall submit, at such time and in such form as may be
29 prescribed, truthful and accurate information that the office
30 may require. The office shall conduct a thorough annual

1 evaluation of each program for which a grant under this section
2 is made. The office shall seek repayment of funds if it
3 determines that funds were not utilized for the original stated
4 purpose.

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

8 (1) ~~Twenty-five~~ FORTY percent of the sum shall be allocated <--
9 for grants under subsection (c).

10 (2) ~~Seventy-five~~ SIXTY percent of the sum shall be allocated <--
11 for grants under subsection (c.1).

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