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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, BISHOP, O'BRIEN, CARROLL, COHEN, McNEILL,  
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MAJOR, ROEBUCK, GINGRICH, FRANKEL AND GIBBONS, MARCH 26, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 26, 2015

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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 certification of teachers, further  
6 providing for continuing professional development and for  
7 program of continuing professional education.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 1205.1 and 1205.2 of the act of March  
11 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of  
12 1949, are amended by adding subsections to read:

13 Section 1205.1. Continuing Professional Development.--\* \* \*

14 (c.5) A professional education plan shall include a program  
15 to be completed annually by all professional educators and other  
16 employees of the school entity that is a minimum of three (3)  
17 hours in length and provides training in bullying awareness,  
18 prevention and intervention, including training related to the  
19 school entity's bullying policy required under section 1303.1-A.  
20 For purposes of this subsection, "bullying" shall have the

1 meaning set forth in section 1303.1-A.

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3 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional

4 Education.--\* \* \*

5 (c.1) To comply with subsection (a), each professional

6 educator employed by a school entity shall complete annually the

7 training in bullying awareness, prevention and intervention

8 required under section 1205.1(c.5). The professional educator's

9 continuing education record shall be credited annually for

10 completion of the training required under this subsection.

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