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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 safe schools, providing for
6 parental notification of certain incidents.

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

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 1314-A. Parental Notification.--(a) All school
13 entities shall adopt a policy and procedures for notification,
14 in a timely manner, of all parents, guardians or custodial
15 parents of students involved in incidents which are required to
16 be reported in the school safety report submitted to the
17 Department of Education and of students who incur other serious
18 injuries on school property, on the school bus or at a school
19 activity.

1 (b) Parents, guardians or custodial parents of students are
2 defined for purposes of this section as parents, guardians or
3 custodial parents of students that are either perpetrators or
4 victims of incidents which are required to be reported in the
5 school safety report submitted to the Department of Education
6 and any other injuries occurring on school property, the school
7 bus or at a school activity.

8 (c) Parents, guardians or custodial parents may be notified
9 in person, by telephone, by e-mail, by text messages or by
10 certified mail. School entities shall make a reasonable effort
11 to notify a parent, guardian or custodial parent in the
12 preferred manner indicated on the contact information of the
13 parent, guardian or custodial parent. The preferred method of
14 notification must be documented. In the event of a school or
15 district-wide emergency, the school entity may use alternative
16 methods to notify parents, guardians or custodial parents.

17 (d) A school entity must maintain current contact
18 information for each parent, guardian or custodial parent. The
19 contact information must allow parents, guardians and custodial
20 parents to identify a preferred method of contact in the event
21 that parental notification is required.

22 (e) Each school entity shall provide training regarding the
23 requirements of this section to all staff who come into contact
24 with children. The training shall include recognizing incidents
25 that trigger the notification requirement, the school entity's
26 policy and procedure for notification and any record-keeping and
27 reporting requirements. Training required under this section may
28 be incorporated with other training and in-service activities of
29 the school entity.

30 (f) All incidents that are required to be reported under

1 section 1303-A(b) shall be subject to the requirements of this
2 section.

3 (g) The Secretary of Education may withhold State payments
4 to any school district that fails to comply with this section.

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