
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY SAYLOR, JAMES, SCHLOSSBERG, WATSON, WARD, STURLA,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 17, 2016

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 school directors, providing for
6 school director training programs.

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 328. School Director Training Programs.--(a)
13 Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and in each school year
14 thereafter, each newly elected or appointed school director
15 shall complete, during the first year of the school director's
16 first term, a training program developed and made available by
17 the Department of Education, in consultation with a Statewide
18 organization representing school directors and a Statewide
19 organization representing school business officials, pertaining

1 to the skills and knowledge necessary to serve as a school
2 director. The training program shall consist of eight (8) hours
3 of instruction, to include, at a minimum, information regarding
4 the following:

5 (1) Instruction and academic programs.

6 (2) Personnel.

7 (3) Fiscal management.

8 (4) Operations.

9 (5) Governance.

10 (b) Within one (1) year after each reelection or
11 reappointment to the board of school directors, each school
12 director shall complete an advanced training program developed
13 and offered by the Department of Education in consultation with
14 a Statewide organization representing school directors and a
15 Statewide organization representing school business officials.
16 The advanced training program shall consist of four (4) hours of
17 instruction, including information on relevant changes to
18 Federal and State public school law and regulations, fiscal
19 management and other information deemed appropriate by the
20 Department of Education, to enable the school director to serve
21 effectively.

22 (c) The Department of Education shall examine options for
23 providing the training programs required under this section
24 through methods such as online or other distance learning media
25 or through regional-based training.

26 (d) The training programs required under this section shall
27 be developed and offered by the Department of Education at no
28 cost to school districts or school directors.

29 (e) Each school director who is in office on the effective
30 date of this section shall complete the training program

1 required under subsection (a) by June 30, 2018.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.