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WATSON AND ZIMMERMAN, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 terms and courses of studies,
6 providing for instruction in the events and significance of
7 September 11, 2001.

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

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

13 Section 1555. Instruction in the Events and Significance of
14 September 11, 2001.

15 (a) The Department of Education shall establish a model
16 curriculum for instruction in the events and significance of
17 September 11, 2001, no later than twelve (12) months after the
18 effective date of this section. The model curriculum shall
19 include, but not be limited to, all of the following topics
20 where appropriate:

1 (1) The historical context of terrorism.

2 (2) The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the
3 Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed in
4 Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

5 (3) American recovery and response to the attacks.

6 (4) Global challenges and consequences in a post-September
7 11 world.

8 (b) The Department of Education shall make available on the
9 department's publicly accessible Internet website curriculum
10 materials and other available resources regarding the events and
11 significance of September 11, 2001, for school entities.

12 (c) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"
13 shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter
14 school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area
15 vocational-technical school.

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