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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 28, 2017

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 sexual violence education at  
 6 institutions of higher education, establishing the Task Force  
 7 on Campus Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault.

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 2005.1-G. Task Force on Campus Intimate Partner  
 14 Violence and Sexual Assault.

15 (a) Establishment.--The Task Force on Campus Intimate  
 16 Partner Violence and Sexual Assault is established within the  
 17 department.

18 (b) Membership.--The task force shall consist of the  
 19 following members:

1           (1) The Deputy Secretary of the Office of Postsecondary  
2 and Higher Education, or the equivalent position, who shall  
3 serve as chairperson of the task force.

4           (2) The Chancellor of the State System of Higher  
5 Education.

6           (3) The following members, seven of whom must be female,  
7 to be appointed by the Secretary of Education:

8           (i) A president of a university in the State System  
9 of Higher Education.

10          (ii) A president of a private college or university  
11 located in this Commonwealth.

12          (iii) A dean of students or equivalent position  
13 within a State-related university.

14          (iv) A campus police chief or equivalent position  
15 within a State System university or State-related  
16 university.

17          (v) A police chief of a municipality containing an  
18 institution of higher education.

19          (vi) A district attorney of a county containing a  
20 State System university or State-related university.

21          (vii) A magisterial district judge serving a  
22 district containing an institution of higher education.

23          (viii) A judge of a court of common pleas serving a  
24 county containing a State System university or State-  
25 related university.

26          (ix) A representative of an organization providing  
27 services to victims of intimate partner violence or  
28 sexual assault and operating in a county containing a  
29 State System university or State-related university.

30          (x) A psychiatrist or licensed clinical social

1 worker licensed and practicing in this Commonwealth with  
2 demonstrated expertise in treatment of victims of  
3 intimate partner violence or sexual assault.

4 (xi) A student at a State-related university who  
5 demonstrates a commitment to the prevention of intimate  
6 partner violence or sexual assault.

7 (xii) A student at a State System university who  
8 demonstrates a commitment to the prevention of intimate  
9 partner violence or sexual assault.

10 (xiii) A student at a private college or university  
11 located in this Commonwealth who demonstrates a  
12 commitment to the prevention of intimate partner violence  
13 or sexual assault.

14 (xiv) A representative of an organization  
15 representing the interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual and  
16 transgender students in this Commonwealth.

17 (4) One member appointed by the majority chairperson of  
18 the Education Committee of the Senate, who must be a Senator  
19 serving on that committee.

20 (5) One member appointed by the minority chairperson of  
21 the Education Committee of the Senate, who must be a Senator  
22 serving on that committee.

23 (6) One member appointed by the majority chairperson of  
24 the Education Committee of the House of Representatives, who  
25 must be a Representative serving on that committee.

26 (7) One member appointed by the minority chairperson of  
27 the Education Committee of the House of Representatives, who  
28 must be a Representative serving on that committee.

29 (c) Appointments.--Members of the task force shall be  
30 appointed within 60 days of the effective date of this section.

1 (d) Public hearings and meetings.--

2 (1) Within 120 days of the effective date of this  
3 section, the chairperson shall make public the dates of a  
4 minimum of three public hearings to be held within one year,  
5 including:

6 (i) At least one hearing to be held on the campus of  
7 a State-related university at a time that classes are in  
8 regular session.

9 (ii) At least one hearing to be held on the campus  
10 of a State System university at at time that classes are  
11 in regular session.

12 (iii) At least one hearing to be held on the campus  
13 of a private college or university in this Commonwealth  
14 at at time that classes are in regular session.

15 (2) Other hearings and meetings of the task force may be  
16 called by the chairperson as determined by the chairperson to  
17 be necessary or beneficial to the work of the task force.

18 (e) Report by department.--Within 18 months of the effective  
19 date of this section, the department shall publish a report  
20 containing:

21 (1) Findings of the task force as to the prevalence and  
22 causes of intimate partner violence and sexual assault on  
23 college and university campuses in this Commonwealth.

24 (2) Recommendations to reduce the occurrence of intimate  
25 partner violence and sexual assault on college and university  
26 campuses in this Commonwealth.

27 (3) Recommendations to improve support mechanisms and  
28 services to college and university students who are victims  
29 of intimate partner violence or sexual assault.

30 (4) Recommendations to improve college and university

1 disciplinary procedures and to ensure the proper involvement  
2 of law enforcement in cases of intimate partner violence or  
3 sexual assault on college and university campuses in this  
4 Commonwealth.

5 (f) Administrative support.--Staff and material resources of  
6 the department shall be utilized in meeting the requirements of  
7 this section.

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