

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2052 Session of 2018

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 4, 2018

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 professional employees, providing
6 for military parent student support.

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 1183. Military Parent Student Support.--(a)
13 Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year and each school year
14 thereafter, each school district shall, at the beginning of the <--
15 school year, distribute to students and parents or guardians a
16 form to be filled out by the parent or guardian identifying the
17 parent's or guardian's service branch and status. The submission

1 ~~of the form by each parent or guardian shall be voluntary. If a~~
2 ~~form is submitted, the form shall be submitted to the parent's~~
3 ~~or guardian's school district of residence.~~

4 ~~(b) If a school district has been informed of an activation~~
5 ~~of a parent or guardian for active duty military service, the~~
6 ~~school district must provide the student and parent or guardian~~
7 ~~with information and access to the following:~~

8 ~~(1) School guidance counselors.~~

9 ~~(2) Existing Federal and State military support services.~~

10 ~~(3) Any other service, agency or resource necessary to~~
11 ~~support or provide assistance to the student, parent or~~

12 ~~guardian. PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT <--~~
13 ~~SERVICES, AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B), TO STUDENTS WHOSE~~
14 ~~PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES BEING CALLED~~
15 ~~TO AND WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY.~~

16 ~~(B) IF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT IS CALLED OR~~
17 ~~ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE~~
18 ~~PROVISIONS OF 10 U.S.C. (RELATING TO ARMED FORCES) OR 32 U.S.C.~~
19 ~~(RELATING TO NATIONAL GUARD), THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY NOTIFY~~
20 ~~THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY OF THE ACTIVATION TO ACTIVE DUTY AND~~
21 ~~REQUEST ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR THE STUDENT UNDER THIS SECTION.~~
22 ~~UPON RECEIVING NOTIFICATION FROM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF~~
23 ~~ACTIVATION, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL PROVIDE THE STUDENT~~
24 ~~AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH THE FOLLOWING:~~

25 ~~(1) ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING:~~

26 ~~(I) A CERTIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELOR;~~

27 ~~(II) A CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST;~~

28 ~~(III) SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS; OR~~

29 ~~(IV) CERTIFIED HOME AND SCHOOL VISITORS.~~

30 ~~(2) INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:~~

1 (I) EXISTING FEDERAL AND STATE MILITARY SUPPORT SERVICES.

2 (II) ANY OTHER SERVICE, AGENCY OR RESOURCE NECESSARY TO
3 SUPPORT OR PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE STUDENT, PARENT OR
4 GUARDIAN.

5 (c) The Department of Education shall coordinate with the
6 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to carry out this
7 section~~7~~, INCLUDING POSTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS <--
8 OF THIS SECTION TO THEIR PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITES
9 AND PROVIDING INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE BY PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 ENTITIES TO INFORM PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF THE SUPPORTS
11 AVAILABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (2).

12 (D) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
13 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
14 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

15 "PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY." ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL, INCLUDING A
16 SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER
17 CHARTER SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
18 SCHOOL OPERATING WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

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