
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 535 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, WHITE,
WARD, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, COSTA, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE
AND HAYWOOD, MARCH 24, 2017

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MARCH 24, 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 terms and courses of study,
6 providing for child opioid awareness education.

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 1528. Child Opioid Awareness Education.--(a)
13 Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each school entity
14 shall:

15 (1) Develop an age-appropriate child opioid awareness and
16 education program and incorporate the program into the school
17 entity's existing curriculum for students in grades six through
18 twelve. In developing the program, the school entity may use the
19 model curriculum developed by the department under subsection

1 (b) (1).

2 (2) Include training in child opioid awareness in the
3 professional development plan submitted by the school entity to
4 the secretary for approval under section 1205.1. A school entity
5 shall provide four (4) hours of training every five (5) years
6 for professional educators assigned to teach courses into which
7 child opioid awareness education has been incorporated under
8 paragraph (1). Training under this paragraph may be used to
9 satisfy a professional educator's continuing professional
10 education requirement under section 1205.2. A school entity may
11 use the materials made available by the department under
12 subsection (b) (2) to conduct the training.

13 (b) The department, in consultation with the Department of
14 Health, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and at least
15 one organization addressing child opioid awareness and
16 education, shall do all of the following:

17 (1) Develop a model child opioid awareness and education
18 curriculum, which may include materials already publicly
19 available, and make the curriculum available to all school
20 entities and, upon request, to nonpublic schools.

21 (2) Compile, develop and post on its publicly accessible
22 Internet website recommended guidelines and educational
23 materials for the training provided for under subsection (a) (2).
24 Materials that are already publicly available may be used.

25 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
26 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
27 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

28 "Department." The Department of Education of the
29 Commonwealth.

30 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school:

1 (1) in which a resident of this Commonwealth may legally
2 fulfill the compulsory school attendance requirements of this
3 act; and

4 (2) which meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil
5 Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et
6 seq.).

7 The term does not include a school entity.

8 "Professional educator." As defined in section 1205.2(o).

9 "School entity." A school district, joint school district,
10 charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school,
11 intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school.

12 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.

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