

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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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 health services, providing
6 for parent educational information regarding eating
7 disorders.

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 1425. Parent Educational Information Regarding
14 Eating Disorders.--(a) Each school board shall annually provide
15 parent educational information regarding eating disorders for
16 pupils in grades five through twelve. Such information shall be
17 consistent with guidelines established by the Department of
18 Education under subsection (b).

19 (b) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the
20 Department of Health, shall develop and implement guidelines for

providing parent educational information regarding eating disorders. The policies shall be developed with input from organizations and entities including local school boards, school superintendents, the National Eating Disorders Association, the Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation and the Academy for Eating Disorders. The Department of Education and the Department of Health shall identify and develop appropriate additions or revisions to the Commonwealth's school health regulations related to development of parent educational information, including guidance regarding the clear delineation of such health information from other administrative documentation. The guidelines developed for local school boards under this section shall include:

(1) the optional development of an eating disorder screening program;

(2) specification of training needs and requirements for personnel and volunteers;

(3) appropriate opt-out and exemption procedures; and

(4) parental notification procedures for positive indications of an eating disorder.

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