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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 safe schools, further providing
6 for Office for Safe Schools and providing for school safety
7 requirements.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1302-A(d)(2) of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended to read:

13 Section 1302-A. Office for Safe Schools.--* * *

14 (d) The office shall have the following duties as to
15 targeted grants:

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17 (2) The office shall:

18 (i) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to a
19 school entity designated as a persistently dangerous school as
20 defined in 22 Pa. Code § 403.2 (relating to definitions).

1 (i.1) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to
2 school entities located more than fifteen (15) minutes response
3 time by the nearest law enforcement agency.

4 (ii) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to
5 school entities with the greatest need to establish safety and
6 order.

7 (iii) To the greatest extent possible, ensure that grant
8 funding is geographically dispersed to school entities and
9 municipalities throughout this Commonwealth.

10 (iv) For school entities, municipalities, local law
11 enforcement agencies and nonpublic schools that apply for
12 funding for the training and compensation of school resource
13 officers and school police officers under subsection (c.1), give
14 priority to school entities, municipalities, local law
15 enforcement agencies and nonpublic schools that utilize school
16 resource officers or school police officers who have completed
17 additional training recommended by the Department of Education
18 relating to interaction with all children and adolescents within
19 a school setting.

20 (v) For school entities or nonpublic schools that apply for
21 funding for school police officers under subsection (c.1), give
22 priority to school entities and nonpublic schools that utilize
23 school police officers who satisfy all of the following:

24 (A) Are retired Federal agents or retired State, municipal
25 or military police officers.

26 (B) Are independent contractors of the school entity or
27 nonpublic school.

28 (C) Are compensated on an hourly basis and receive no other
29 compensation or fringe benefits from the school entity or
30 nonpublic school.

1 (D) Have completed such annual training as shall be required
2 by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training
3 Commission pursuant to 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to
4 municipal police education and training).

5 (E) Are in satisfaction of the requirements of section 111.

6 (F) In the case of a school entity, have been indemnified by
7 the school entity pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 8548 (relating to
8 indemnity).

9 (G) Are utilized by a school entity or nonpublic school that
10 has not employed a school police officer within the three years
11 immediately preceding the effective date of this clause.
12 Nothing in this clause shall be construed to impact on grant
13 decisions for school entities, municipalities or local law
14 enforcement agencies that apply for funding for hiring of school
15 resource officers pursuant to subsection (c.1).

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17 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

18 Section 1302.2-A. School Safety Requirements.--(a) Each
19 school entity shall undergo an annual safety assessment audit to
20 determine whether it is in compliance with the school entity's
21 safety plan and the provisions of this chapter. The safety
22 assessment audit shall be conducted by the Pennsylvania State
23 Police or municipal police department that has jurisdiction over
24 the school entity and shall include building security, emergency
25 plans, access control and physical infrastructure.

26 (b) Each school entity shall have a school safety plan that
27 addresses violence prevention, crisis intervention, emergency
28 response and management, including communications within the
29 school entity and with law enforcement and other emergency
30 responders. The plan shall be both districtwide and building

1 specific and shall in part include the memorandum of
2 understanding described in section 1302-A(b)(6) and the disaster
3 response and emergency preparedness plan as required by 35
4 Pa.C.S. § 7701(g) (relating to duties concerning disaster
5 prevention).

6 (c) Each school entity shall provide the Pennsylvania State
7 Police or municipal police department that has jurisdiction over
8 the school entity with current blueprints for each building of
9 the school entity.

10 (d) Each school entity shall have a threat assessment and
11 crisis response team to evaluate information about threats of
12 school violence and employ the results of the evaluations in
13 developing strategies to prevent potential school attacks. A
14 planning team, consisting of school administrators, law
15 enforcement and mental health agencies shall design a threat
16 assessment process for the school entity.

17 (e) Each school entity at least annually shall conduct a
18 safety drill that addresses risks, including active threats,
19 terrorism, explosives and other scenarios that allow students,
20 teachers and administrative staff to be prepared to respond to
21 threats as they evolve. The safety drill shall be in addition to
22 the fire and emergency evacuation drills required by section
23 1517. The school entity shall coordinate the safety drill with
24 law enforcement and other emergency responders.

25 (f) Each school entity shall certify compliance with this
26 section as part of the report submitted to the department under
27 section 1303-A(b).

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, or
29 immediately, whichever is later.