
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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," providing for school safety and
6 security training.

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 an
11 article to read:

12 ARTICLE XIII-B

13 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

14 Section 1301-B. (Reserved).

15 Section 1302-B. School safety and security training.

16 (a) Duty to provide.--School entities shall provide their
17 employees with mandatory training on school safety and security
18 subject to the following:

19 (1) Training shall address the following:

- 1 (i) Situational awareness.
2 (ii) Trauma-informed education awareness.
3 (iii) Behavioral health awareness.
4 (iv) Suicide and bullying awareness.
5 (v) Substance use awareness.
6 (vi) Emergency training drills, including fire,
7 natural disaster, active shooter, hostage situation and
8 bomb threat.

9 (2) Training may be provided through the Internet or
10 other distance communication systems.

11 (3) Employees shall complete a minimum of three hours of
12 training every five years.

13 (4) Employees required to undergo continuing
14 professional education under section 1205.2 shall receive
15 credit toward their continuing professional education
16 requirements if the training program has been approved by the
17 department in consultation with the committee.

18 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
19 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
20 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area
22 vocational-technical school, charter school or private
23 residential rehabilitative institution.

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