

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY OBERLANDER, ZIMMERMAN, READSHAW, STEPHENS,  
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 AND NEILSON, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

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, providing for threat  
 6 assessment teams.

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 1309.1-A. Threat Assessment Teams.--(a) Beginning  
 13 with the 2019-2020 school year, each school entity shall  
 14 establish a threat assessment team consistent with the  
 15 guidelines issued under subsection (b).

16 (b) Within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective  
 17 date of this subsection and every three (3) years thereafter,  
 18 the office, in consultation with the Department of Corrections,  
 19 shall develop and issue guidelines for a threat assessment team

1 that includes all of the following:

2 (1) The membership of each threat assessment team.

3 (2) Responsibilities of each threat assessment team in  
4 identifying threats to the property of a school entity, students  
5 and school employes, including physical vulnerabilities in the  
6 school building, policies and procedures and personnel  
7 responsibilities.

8 (3) Potential solutions to resolving any threats identified  
9 under paragraph (2).

10 (4) The frequency with which each threat assessment team  
11 meets.

12 (5) The frequency with which each threat assessment team  
13 meets the responsibilities under paragraph (2).

14 (6) The frequency with which each threat assessment team  
15 must report any threats to the office.

16 (c) Information relating to this section shall not be  
17 subject to the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as  
18 the "Right-to-Know Law."

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