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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 1, 2019

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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 terms and courses of study,  
6 providing for child abuse awareness and prevention.

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 Abuse Awareness and Prevention.--(a)  
13 Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each school entity  
14 shall:

15 (1) Develop an age-appropriate child abuse awareness and  
16 prevention education program and incorporate such program into  
17 the school entity's existing curriculum for students in  
18 kindergarten through grade twelve. In developing the program,

1 the school entity shall use the model curriculum developed by  
2 the department under subsection (b) (1).

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

15 (b) The department, in consultation with the Department of  
16 Human Services and at least one organization addressing child  
17 abuse, shall:

18 (1) Develop a model child abuse awareness and prevention  
19 curriculum, which may include materials already publicly  
20 available, and make such curriculum available to all school  
21 entities and, upon request, to nonpublic schools.

22 (2) Compile, develop and post on its publicly accessible  
23 Internet website recommended guidelines and educational  
24 materials for the training provided for under subsection (a) (2),  
25 which may include materials already publicly available.

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

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

1 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, other than a school  
2 entity, wherein a resident of this Commonwealth may legally  
3 fulfill the compulsory school attendance requirements of this  
4 act and which meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil  
5 Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

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

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

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

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