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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 board of school directors shall  
15 annually provide parent educational information regarding eating  
16 disorders for pupils in grades five (5) through twelve (12). The  
17 information shall be consistent with guidelines established by  
18 the Department of Education under subsection (b).

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

1 providing parent educational information regarding eating  
2 disorders. The policies shall be developed in consultation with  
3 organizations and entities, including boards of school  
4 directors, school superintendents, the National Eating Disorders  
5 Association, the Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and  
6 Practitioners, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy  
7 of Pediatrics, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians,  
8 the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals  
9 Foundation and the Academy for Eating Disorders.

10 (c) In carrying out its duties under this section, the  
11 Department of Education and the Department of Health shall  
12 identify and develop appropriate additions or revisions to this  
13 Commonwealth's school health regulations related to development  
14 of parent educational information, including guidance regarding  
15 the clear delineation of such health information from other  
16 administrative documentation.

17 (d) The guidelines developed for boards of school directors  
18 under this section shall include the following:

19 (1) The optional development of an eating disorder screening  
20 program.

21 (2) Specification of training needs and requirements for  
22 personnel and volunteers.

23 (3) Appropriate opt-out and exemption procedures.

24 (4) Parental notification procedures for positive  
25 indications of an eating disorder.

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