
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, YAW, DINNIMAN, COSTA, BAKER, YUDICHAK
AND STEFANO, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 21 through 28, 2020, as
2 "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 established the Safe2Say Something
4 Program in Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program was established to be
6 an anonymous resource for students, teachers and community
7 members to report behavior perceived to be threatening to an
8 individual or a school entity; and

9 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program includes a reporting
10 system within the Office of Attorney General to accept and refer
11 anonymous reports of threatening behavior; and

12 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General partners with Sandy
13 Hook Promise to administer the Safe2Say Something Program; and

14 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook
15 Promise train individuals to do all of the following:

16 (1) Recognize warning signs and signals from individuals
17 who may be a threat to themselves or others.

1 (2) Report concerns about individuals who may be a
2 threat to themselves or others through the Safe2Say Something
3 Program;

4 and

5 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2019, the Safe2Say Something Program
6 began accepting reports and continues to accept reports 24 hours
7 per day, seven days per week and 365 days per year; and

8 WHEREAS, From January 2019 through the end of the 2019-2020
9 school year, the Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook
10 Promise have trained approximately 1,090,679 students on the
11 Safe2Say Something Program; and

12 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General's second annual
13 report on the Safe2Say Something Program was released on August
14 3, 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, The report stated that since the Safe2Say Something
16 Program began accepting reports in January 2019, more than
17 47,239 reports have been submitted, with 23,745 received in the
18 2019-2020 school year; and

19 WHEREAS, While initially intended to prevent threats against
20 schools in this Commonwealth, the Safe2Say Something Program has
21 highlighted a variety of behavior and mental health concerns in
22 students; and

23 WHEREAS, Bullying/self-harm, suicide/suicide ideation and
24 cutting are the top event types reported through the Safe2Say
25 Something Program; and

26 WHEREAS, The United States Secret Service, National Threat
27 Assessment Center, released a report that stated:

28 (1) more than 1 million students have reported being
29 harassed, threatened or bullied;

30 (2) eighty percent of school shooters admitted their

1 plans ahead of time to at least one person; and

2 (3) seventy percent of individuals who took their own
3 lives told someone of their plans or provided warning signs
4 ahead of time;

5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program is considered a
7 national model to protect students, teachers, school employees
8 and the community; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 21
10 through 28, 2020, as "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.