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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 human trafficking prevention education.

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 1529. Human Trafficking Prevention Education.--(a)
13 Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each public school
14 student in grades six through twelve shall receive annual
15 instruction on human trafficking prevention.

16 (b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each school
17 entity shall develop an age-appropriate human trafficking
18 prevention program and incorporate this program into the health
19 course of study or another appropriate course of study in

1 accordance with State Board of Education regulations.

2 (c) The human trafficking prevention program developed under
3 subsection (b) shall include, but not be limited to, the
4 following:

5 (1) Information on the warning signs of human trafficking.

6 (2) Terms used by human traffickers.

7 (3) Signs that indicate a human trafficker's malicious
8 intent toward an individual.

9 (4) Websites that are popular with human traffickers.

10 (5) Differences between labor trafficking and sex
11 trafficking.

12 (6) Examples of human trafficking.

13 (7) At-risk populations for human trafficking.

14 (8) Details on how a student can get help to prevent and
15 report human trafficking.

16 (9) The importance of community-based organizations, such as
17 rape crisis centers, in preventing sexual exploitation and
18 trafficking.

19 (10) The relationship between human trafficking and sexual
20 assault and sexual exploitation.

21 (d) A student may be excused from a class providing
22 instruction under this section upon the written request from a
23 student's parent or guardian.

24 (e) Within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective
25 date of this section, the department shall develop a model human
26 trafficking prevention program for a school entity to utilize to
27 comply with the requirements of this section. This model program
28 shall be publicly available on the department's publicly
29 accessible Internet website and shall be based on nationally
30 recognized principles of successful prevention programs.

1 (f) A school entity may, but shall not be required to, use
2 the model program developed under subsection (e) to comply with
3 the requirements of this section.

4 (g) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the department
5 shall develop and make available to all school entities in-
6 service training programs based upon the instruction
7 requirements established under this section and the model
8 prevention program developed under subsection (e). The in-
9 service training programs developed under this subsection shall
10 be revised when necessary to ensure that the in-service training
11 programs provide the most current information.

12 (h) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and every three
13 (3) years thereafter, each school district shall provide, as
14 part of the school district's in-service training, programs
15 based upon the instruction requirements established under this
16 section for all instructors whose teaching responsibilities
17 include courses of study in which such mandated instruction is
18 integrated. To comply with this requirement, a school district
19 may utilize the in-service training programs made available
20 under subsection (g).

21 (i) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
22 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
23 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Department" shall mean the Department of Education of the
25 Commonwealth.

26 "School entity" shall mean a school district, joint school
27 district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter
28 school, intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.