

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

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 1555. Moment of silence on September 11  
 13 anniversary.--(a) Each school entity shall conduct a moment of  
 14 silence during instructional hours for students and faculty to  
 15 observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001, as a remembrance  
 16 of the thousands of military service persons, government  
 17 employees, civilians and emergency responders who lost their  
 18 lives or were wounded by terrorist attacks on that date.

19 (b) The Department of Education shall make available to all

1 school entities voluntary in-service training programs based  
2 upon the moment of silence provided for under subsection (a) and  
3 model curriculum guidelines.

4 (c) The Department of Education shall provide the model  
5 curriculum guidelines, voluntary in-service training and any  
6 other materials developed in accordance with this section to any  
7 nonpublic school within this Commonwealth upon receiving a  
8 request from the nonpublic school.

9 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"  
10 shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter  
11 school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area career  
12 and technical school.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.