

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1898 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY LABS, HOGAN, M. MACKENZIE, ADAMS, CEPEDA-FREYITZ, TOMLINSON AND MARCELL, DECEMBER 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, DECEMBER 8, 2023

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 safe schools, further providing
 6 for Office for Safe Schools; establishing the Safe Schools
 7 Fund; and making an interfund transfer.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1302-A(e.1) and (e.2) of the act of March
 11 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of
 12 1949, are amended to read:

13 Section 1302-A. Office for Safe Schools.--* * *

14 [(e.1) Any grant funding allocated under subsection (c.1)
 15 above the amount allocated in fiscal year 2017-2018 may be
 16 prioritized for nonpublic schools.]

17 (e.2) Beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020, [grants awarded
 18 under subsection (c.1) shall not exceed the amount awarded in
 19 fiscal year 2018-2019 under that subsection and] no less than
 20 \$3,200,000 shall be awarded to intermediate units on behalf of

1 nonpublic schools under subsection (c).

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3 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

4 Section 1302.2-A. Safe Schools Fund.--(a) The Safe Schools
5 Fund is established in the State Treasury. The money of the fund
6 is appropriated on a continuing basis to the department for the
7 purpose of awarding grants under section 1302-A(c.1).

8 (b) On July 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, the sum of
9 \$250,000,000 is transferred from the General Fund to the Safe
10 Schools Fund.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.