

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HAGGERTY, NEILSON, MURT, MAHONEY AND ROZZI,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 22, 2013

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; and making an appropriation.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1302-A(d) of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
11 amended November 17, 2010 (P.L.996, No.104), is amended and the  
12 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

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

14 (c.1) In addition to the powers and duties set forth under  
15 subsections (b) and (c), the office is authorized to make  
16 targeted grants to school entities and nonpublic schools to fund  
17 programs which address school violence by establishing or  
18 enhancing school security, including school resource officers,  
19 in elementary schools.

20 (d) The office shall have the following duties as to

1 targeted grants:

2 (1) Targeted grants shall be allocated through a competitive  
3 grant review process established by the office. School entities  
4 must satisfy the requirements of this section and section 1303-A  
5 to be eligible for grants under subsection (c) or (c.1).

6 Nonpublic schools must satisfy the requirements of this section  
7 to be eligible for grants under subsection (c.1). The

8 application for a targeted grant shall include:

9 (i) the purpose for which the targeted grant shall be  
10 utilized;

11 (ii) information indicating need for the targeted grant,  
12 including, but not limited to, school violence statistics;

13 (iii) an estimated budget;

14 (iv) methods for measuring outcomes; and

15 (v) any other criteria as the office may require.

16 (2) The office shall:

17 (i) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to a  
18 school entity designated as a persistently dangerous school as  
19 defined in 22 Pa. Code § 403.2 (relating to definitions).

20 (ii) Give priority in grant funding under subsection (c) to  
21 school entities with the greatest need to establish safety and  
22 order and under subsection (c.1) to school entities and  
23 nonpublic schools with the greatest need to establish safety and  
24 order in elementary schools.

25 (iii) To the greatest extent possible, ensure that grant  
26 funding is geographically dispersed to school entities and, for  
27 targeted grants under subsection (c.1), to school entities and  
28 nonpublic schools throughout this Commonwealth.

29 (3) The office shall provide all targeted grant agreements  
30 to the Department of Education's comptroller for review and

1 approval prior to awarding the grant. The school entity or  
2 nonpublic school shall provide the office with full and complete  
3 access to all records relating to the performance of the grant,  
4 and shall submit, at such time and in such form as may be  
5 prescribed, truthful and accurate information that the office  
6 may require. The office shall conduct a thorough annual  
7 evaluation of each program for which a grant under this section  
8 is made. The office shall seek repayment of funds if it  
9 determines that funds were not utilized for the original stated  
10 purpose.

11 Section 2. The sum of \$90,000,000 is hereby appropriated to  
12 the Department of Education for the purpose of making targeted  
13 grants under section 1302-A(c.1) of the act.

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