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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 25, 2024

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 books, furniture and supplies,
6 providing for school library collections.

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 811. School Library Collections.--(a) Beginning
13 with the 2025-2026 school year, each public school shall
14 maintain a library collection that includes a variety of both
15 print and nonprint materials and related equipment of sufficient
16 quality and quantity to support and supplement the educational
17 needs of students, including a minimum quantity of one thousand
18 (1,000) items per grade served. A public school may satisfy the
19 requirements under this subsection by providing access to

1 library resources from a local library, county library or
2 library system as defined in 24 Pa.C.S. § 9302 (relating to
3 definitions).

4 (b) A certified school librarian may direct the development
5 and implementation of a library of a public school.

6 (c) The department shall promulgate regulations as necessary
7 to implement this section.

8 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
9 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

10 "Department." The Department of Education of the
11 Commonwealth.

12 "Items." Books, films, filmstrips, tapes, records, globes,
13 slide sets, periodicals, audio-visual equipment, maps and other
14 items to supplement a public school's programs. The term does
15 not include books classified as textbooks, except when used in
16 limited numbers as reference books.

17 "Public school." A school operated by a school district,
18 intermediate unit or charter school.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.