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HANBIDGE, APRIL 8, 2024

SENATOR ARGALL, EDUCATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
OCTOBER 7, 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 school health services, providing
6 for type 1 diabetes education parental notification.

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 1414.12. Type 1 Diabetes Education Parental
13 Notification.--(a) The department, in coordination with other <--
14 entities deemed appropriate by the department, shall develop
15 type 1 diabetes informational materials for parents and
16 guardians. The informational materials may include all of the

1 following:

2 (1) A description of type 1 diabetes.

3 (2) A description of risk factors and warning signs
4 associated with type 1 diabetes.

5 (3) A recommendation that a parent or guardian of a student
6 displaying warning signs associated with type 1 diabetes
7 immediately consult with the student's primary care provider to
8 determine if immediate screening for type 1 diabetes is
9 appropriate.

10 (4) A description of the screening process for type 1
11 diabetes, the significance of its stages and the implications of
12 test results identifying the presence of stage 1, stage 2 and
13 stage 3 type 1 diabetes.

14 (5) A recommendation that a parent or guardian of a student
15 who has been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes should consult with
16 the student's primary care provider to develop an appropriate
17 treatment plan which may include consultation with and
18 examination by a specialty care provider, including a properly
19 qualified endocrinologist.

20 (b) The department shall periodically update the
21 informational materials developed under subsection (a) as
22 necessary and make the informational materials available on its
23 publicly accessible Internet website.

24 (c) Beginning January 1, 2025, each school entity WITH THE <--
25 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL ENTITY AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
26 shall make the informational materials developed under
27 subsection (a) available in writing, electronically or on the
28 school entity's OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL'S publicly accessible <--
29 Internet website, to the parent or guardian of a student when a
30 student is first enrolled in elementary school and again upon a

1 student's entry into grade six.

2 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
4 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Department" shall mean the Department of Health of the
6 Commonwealth.

7 "NONPUBLIC SCHOOL" SHALL MEAN A NONPROFIT SCHOOL, OTHER THAN <--
8 A SCHOOL ENTITY, LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH WHERE A RESIDENT
9 OF THIS COMMONWEALTH MAY LEGALLY FULFILL THE COMPULSORY
10 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.

11 "School entity" shall mean a school district, area career and
12 technical school, charter school, regional charter school, cyber
13 charter school, ~~intermediate unit or nonpublic school~~ OR <--
14 INTERMEDIATE UNIT.

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