

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 839 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY HESS, STERN, BROOKS, CUTLER, HARHART, ROCK, HAHN, MACKENZIE, SIMMONS, CAUSER, EVERETT, COHEN, HARHAI, KNOWLES, MAJOR, BOBACK, V. BROWN, TALLMAN, C. HARRIS, SACCONI, KORTZ, M. K. KELLER, GINGRICH, MAHONEY, BARRAR, MULLERY, MURT, FABRIZIO, HEFFLEY, CLYMER AND QUINN, MARCH 11, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 11, 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 grounds and buildings, further  
6 providing for display of United States flag and development  
7 of patriotism.

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

10 Section 1. Section 771 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
11 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by  
12 adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 771. Display of United States Flag; Development of  
14 Patriotism.--\* \* \*

15 (e) At least once annually in each school building a school  
16 entity shall provide instruction to students in the lowest grade  
17 level offered in that building regarding the proper care of and  
18 respect for the Flag of the United States of America. This  
19 instruction may be provided in an assembly or in a classroom

1 setting during a portion of one or more school days.

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