

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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SENATOR LANGERHOLC, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, JUNE 8, 2020

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 terms and courses of study,
6 providing for moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

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 1555. Moment of silence on September 11
13 anniversary.--(a) Beginning with school year 2020-2021 and any
14 subsequent school year when September 11 occurs on a school day,
15 each school entity shall conduct a moment of silence during
16 instructional hours for students and faculty to observe the
17 anniversary of September 11, 2001, as a remembrance of the
18 thousands of military service persons, government employees,
19 civilians and emergency responders who lost their lives or were

1 wounded by terrorist attacks on that date.

2 (b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the Department
3 of Education shall make available to all school entities
4 VOLUNTARY in-service training programs based upon the moment of <--
5 silence provided for under subsection (a) and MODEL curriculum <--
6 guidelines.

7 (c) The Department of Education shall provide the MODEL <--
8 guidelines, VOLUNTARY in-service training and any other <--
9 materials developed in accordance with this section to any
10 nonpublic school within this Commonwealth upon receiving a
11 request from the nonpublic school.

12 ~~(d) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and~~ <--
13 ~~regulations necessary for the implementation of this section~~
14 ~~pursuant to the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as~~
15 ~~the "Regulatory Review Act."~~

16 ~~(e) (D) For purposes of this section, the term "school~~ <--
17 ~~entity" shall mean a school district, charter school, regional~~
18 ~~charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area~~
19 ~~vocational technical CAREER AND TECHNICAL school.~~ <--

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.