
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, HUGHES, MARTIN, MENSCH, SCHWANK,
BARTOLOTTA, LAUGHLIN, COSTA, HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI,
SANTARSIERO, COMMITTA, DILLON, KANE, COLLETT AND TARTAGLIONE,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 26 through 30, 2022, as
2 "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 established the Safe2Say Something
4 Program in Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program was established to be
6 an anonymous resource for students, teachers and community
7 members to report behavior perceived to be threatening to an
8 individual or a school entity; and

9 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program includes a reporting
10 system within the Office of Attorney General to accept and refer
11 anonymous reports of threatening behavior; and

12 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General partners with Sandy
13 Hook Promise to administer the Safe2Say Something Program; and

14 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook
15 Promise train individuals to do all of the following:

16 (1) recognize warning signs and signals from individuals
17 who may be a threat to themselves or others; and

1 (2) report concerns about individuals who may be a
2 threat to themselves or others through the Safe2Say Something
3 Program;

4 and

5 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2019, the Safe2Say Something Program
6 began accepting reports and continues to accept reports 24 hours
7 per day, seven days per week and 365 days per year; and

8 WHEREAS, In the 2021-2022 school year, the Office of Attorney
9 General and Sandy Hook Promise have trained approximately
10 650,000 students on the Safe2Say Something Program; and

11 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General's annual report on
12 the Safe2Say Something Program was released in August 2022; and

13 WHEREAS, The report stated that since the Safe2Say Something
14 Program began accepting reports in January 2019, more than
15 82,995 reports have been submitted, with 26,174 received in the
16 2021-2022 school year; and

17 WHEREAS, While initially intended to prevent threats against
18 schools in this Commonwealth, the Safe2Say Something Program has
19 highlighted a variety of behavior and mental health concerns in
20 students; and

21 WHEREAS, Bullying, cyber-bullying, smoking in school and
22 suicide/suicide ideation are the top event types reported
23 through the Safe2Say Something Program; and

24 WHEREAS, The United States Secret Service, National Threat
25 Assessment Center, released a report that stated:

26 (1) more than 1 million students have reported being
27 harassed, threatened or bullied;

28 (2) eighty percent of school shooters admitted their
29 plans ahead of time to at least one person; and

30 (3) seventy percent of individuals who took their own

1 lives told someone of their plans or provided warning signs
2 ahead of time;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program is considered a
5 national model to protect students, teachers, school employees
6 and the community; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 26
8 through 30, 2022, as "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.