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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 1, 2015

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 sexual violence education at
6 institutions of higher education, establishing the Task Force
7 on Campus Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault.

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

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

13 Section 2005.1-G. Task Force on Campus Intimate Partner
14 Violence and Sexual Assault.

15 (a) Establishment.--The Task Force on Campus Intimate
16 Partner Violence and Sexual Assault is established within the
17 department.

18 (b) Membership.--The task force shall consist of the
19 following members:

20 (1) The Deputy Secretary of Postsecondary and Higher

1 Education, or equivalent position, who shall serve as
2 chairman of the task force.

3 (2) The Chancellor of the State System of Higher
4 Education.

5 (3) The following members, seven of whom must be female,
6 to be appointed by the Secretary of Education:

7 (i) A president of a university in the State System
8 of Higher Education.

9 (ii) A president of a private college or university
10 located in this Commonwealth.

11 (iii) A dean of students or equivalent position
12 within a State-related university.

13 (iv) A campus police chief or equivalent position
14 within a State System university or State-related
15 university.

16 (v) A police chief of a municipality containing an
17 institution of higher education.

18 (vi) A district attorney of a county containing a
19 State System university or State-related university.

20 (vii) A magisterial district judge serving a
21 district containing an institution of higher education.

22 (viii) A judge of a court of common pleas serving a
23 county containing a State System university or State-
24 related university.

25 (ix) A representative of an organization providing
26 services to victims of intimate partner violence or
27 sexual assault and operating in a county containing a
28 State System university or State-related university.

29 (x) A psychiatrist or licensed clinical social
30 worker licensed and practicing in this Commonwealth with

1 demonstrated expertise in treatment of victims of
2 intimate partner violence or sexual assault.

3 (xi) A student at a State-related university who
4 demonstrates a commitment to the prevention of intimate
5 partner violence or sexual assault.

6 (xii) A student at a State System university who
7 demonstrates a commitment to the prevention of intimate
8 partner violence or sexual assault.

9 (xiii) A student at a private college or university
10 located in this Commonwealth who demonstrates a
11 commitment to the prevention of intimate partner violence
12 or sexual assault.

13 (xiv) A representative of an organization
14 representing the interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual and
15 transgender students in this Commonwealth.

16 (4) One member appointed by the Majority Chairman of the
17 Senate Education Committee, who must be a Senator serving on
18 that committee.

19 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Chairman of the
20 Senate Education Committee, who must be a Senator serving on
21 that committee.

22 (6) One member appointed by the Majority Chairman of the
23 House Education Committee, who must be a Representative
24 serving on that committee.

25 (7) One member appointed by the Minority Chairman of the
26 House Education Committee, who must be a Representative
27 serving on that committee.

28 (c) Appointments.--Members of the task force shall be
29 appointed within 60 days of the effective date of this section.

30 (d) Public hearings and meetings.--(1) Within 120 days of

1 the effective date of this section, the chairman shall make
2 public the dates of a minimum of three public hearings to be
3 held within one year including:

4 (i) At least one hearing to be held on the campus of
5 a State-related university during such time as classes
6 are in regular session.

7 (ii) At least one hearing to be held on the campus
8 of a State System university during such time as classes
9 are in regular session.

10 (iii) At least one hearing to be held on the campus
11 of a private college or university in this Commonwealth
12 during such time as classes are in regular session.

13 (2) Such other hearings and meetings of the task force
14 may be called by the chairman as determined by the chairman
15 to be necessary or beneficial to the work of the task force.

16 (e) Report by department.--Within 18 months of the effective
17 date of this section, the department shall publish a report
18 containing:

19 (1) Findings of the task force as to the prevalence and
20 causes of intimate partner violence and sexual assault on
21 college and university campuses in this Commonwealth.

22 (2) Recommendations to reduce the occurrence of intimate
23 partner violence and sexual assault on college and university
24 campuses in this Commonwealth.

25 (3) Recommendations to improve support mechanisms and
26 services to college and university students who are victims
27 of intimate partner violence or sexual assault.

28 (4) Recommendations to improve college and university
29 disciplinary procedures and to ensure the proper involvement
30 of law enforcement in cases of intimate partner violence or

1 sexual assault on college and university campuses in this
2 Commonwealth.

3 (f) Administrative support.--Staff and material resources of
4 the department shall be utilized in meeting the requirements of
5 this section.

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