
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TAKAC AND HANBIDGE, JUNE 1, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 1, 2023

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 safe schools, further providing
6 for policy relating to bullying.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1303.1-A(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1303.1-A. Policy Relating to Bullying.--(a) No
13 later than January 1, 2009, each school entity shall adopt a
14 policy or amend its existing policy relating to bullying and
15 incorporate the policy into the school entity's code of student
16 conduct required under 22 Pa. Code § 12.3(c) (relating to school
17 rules). The policy shall delineate disciplinary consequences for
18 bullying and may provide for prevention, intervention and
19 education programs, provided that no school entity shall be

1 required to establish a new policy under this section if one
2 currently exists and reasonably fulfills the requirements of
3 this section. The policy shall identify the appropriate school
4 staff person to receive reports of incidents of alleged
5 bullying. The policy shall include mechanisms to notify parents
6 and legal guardians of children involved in a bullying incident.

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