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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 3, 2024

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 school health services, providing  
6 for type 1 diabetes education parental notification.

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 1414.12. Type 1 Diabetes Education Parental  
13 Notification.--(a) The department, in coordination with other  
14 entities deemed appropriate by the department, shall develop  
15 type 1 diabetes informational materials for parents and  
16 guardians. The informational materials may include all of the  
17 following:

1 (1) A description of type 1 diabetes.

2 (2) A description of risk factors and warning signs  
3 associated with type 1 diabetes.

4 (3) A recommendation that a parent or guardian of a student  
5 displaying warning signs associated with type 1 diabetes  
6 immediately consult with the student's primary care provider to  
7 determine if immediate screening for type 1 diabetes is  
8 appropriate.

9 (4) A description of the screening process for type 1  
10 diabetes, the significance of its stages and the implications of  
11 test results identifying the presence of stage 1, stage 2 and  
12 stage 3 type 1 diabetes.

13 (5) A recommendation that a parent or guardian of a student  
14 who has been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes should consult with  
15 the student's primary care provider to develop an appropriate  
16 treatment plan which may include consultation with and  
17 examination by a specialty care provider, including a properly  
18 qualified endocrinologist.

19 (b) The department shall periodically update the  
20 informational materials developed under subsection (a) as  
21 necessary and make the informational materials available on its  
22 publicly accessible Internet website.

23 (c) Beginning January 1, 2025, each school entity shall make  
24 the informational materials developed under subsection (a)  
25 available in writing, ELECTRONICALLY OR ON THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S <--  
26 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE, to the parent or guardian  
27 of a student when a student is first enrolled in elementary  
28 school and again upon a student's entry into grade six.

29 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
30 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless

1 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Department" shall mean the Department of ~~Education~~ HEALTH of <--  
3 the Commonwealth.

4 "School entity" shall mean a school district, area career and  
5 technical school, charter school, regional charter school, cyber  
6 charter school ~~or~~, intermediate unit OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL. <--

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