

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, HOHENSTEIN,  
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 MADDEN, PARKER, SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, OTTEN, HOWARD, HERRIN  
 AND CEPHAS, JUNE 21, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 21, 2022

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 high schools, providing for voter  
 6 registration efforts.

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 1605.2. Voter Registration Efforts.--(a) A school  
 13 entity may designate a faculty member to be responsible for  
 14 voter registration efforts at a senior high school during each  
 15 school year. A designated faculty member under this subsection  
 16 shall possess the qualifications listed under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1301  
 17 (relating to qualifications to register).

18 (b) A school entity designating a faculty member under  
 19 subsection (a) shall ensure that voter registration efforts are

1 nonpartisan in nature. A school entity shall provide the  
2 designated faculty member with instructional materials  
3 concerning voter registration.

4 (c) A faculty member designated under subsection (a) shall  
5 nominate a student to aid in voter registration efforts during  
6 each school year. The student shall be at least 16 years of age  
7 and enrolled in a school entity on a full-time basis.

8 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
9 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

10 "School entity" shall mean a school district, joint school  
11 district, private school, intermediate unit, area career and  
12 technical school, charter school, cyber charter school or  
13 regional charter school.

14 "Voter registration efforts" shall mean the distribution of  
15 instructional materials concerning voter registration,  
16 instructions for the submission of completed official voter  
17 registration applications and official voter registration  
18 applications to students or employes of a school entity  
19 possessing the qualifications listed under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1301.  
20 The term does not include the collection of completed voter  
21 registration applications by a designated faculty member or  
22 student nominee.

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