

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 870 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY DUSH, MILLARD AND OBERLANDER, MARCH 20, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 20, 2017

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 duties and powers of boards of  
 6 school directors, providing for protection and defense of  
 7 pupils.

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 510.3. Protection and Defense of Pupils.--(a) The  
 14 board of school directors in a school district may establish  
 15 policy permitting school personnel access to firearms in the  
 16 buildings or on the grounds of a school.

17 (b) School personnel permitted access to firearms in the  
 18 buildings or on the grounds of a school by the board of school  
 19 directors must:

- 20 (1) have a license to carry a concealed firearm; and  
 21 (2) maintain a current and valid certification in the use

1 and handling of a firearm issued under:

2 (i) 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police  
3 education and training);

4 (ii) the act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235), known as  
5 the "Lethal Weapons Training Act";

6 (iii) the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as  
7 the "Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Act";

8 (iv) the act of December 13, 2005 (P.L.432, No.79), known as  
9 the "Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act"; or

10 (v) any other firearms program that has been determined by  
11 the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police to be of  
12 sufficient scope and duration as to provide the participant with  
13 basic training in the use and handling of firearms.

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