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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 15, 2018

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 grounds and buildings, further
6 providing for school police officers.

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

9 Section 1. Section 778 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by
11 adding subsections to read:

12 Section 778. School Police Officers.--* * *

13 (b.2) Every school police officer, school resource officer,
14 or school security officer shall successfully complete training
15 designed to facilitate working with children and adolescents,
16 including those with mental health and behavioral health needs
17 due to a disability. Training shall be completed within 120 days
18 of the officer's commission or placement with a school district
19 or on a school campus, or within 120 days of the adoption of the

1 curriculum, whichever applies.

2 (1) The Municipal Police Officers Education Training
3 Commission shall develop, adopt or otherwise make available an
4 appropriate training curriculum related specifically to children
5 and adolescents that includes the following topics:

6 (i) Child and adolescent development and psychology.

7 (ii) Mental health, trauma and behavioral health needs of
8 children with disabilities, including crisis intervention
9 techniques especially suited to those children.

10 (iii) Positive behavioral interventions and supports,
11 conflict resolution techniques and restorative justice
12 practices.

13 (iv) De-escalation techniques and methods for limiting the
14 use of force, including the use of physical, mechanical and
15 chemical restraints.

16 (v) Emergency planning considerations and age-appropriate
17 safety instruction training, including for students with mental
18 health, disabilities or other behavioral health needs.

19 (2) The curriculum shall be made available within six months
20 of the effective date of this section. Before adopting the
21 curriculum, the commission shall provide a thirty (30) day
22 period for public comment.

23 (3) The commission shall review the curriculum developed and
24 adopted under this section and update the subject matter as
25 needed at least once every three years.

26 (4) A school police officer, school security officer or
27 school resource officer who has completed the Basic School
28 Resource Officer Course conducted by the National Association of
29 School Resource Officers within the last three years, or a
30 training course equivalent as accepted by the commission, shall

1 be considered to be in compliance with the training requirement
2 specified in this subsection.

3 (b.3) (1) School security officers who carry a firearm as a
4 requirement of such employment shall complete firearm
5 recertification every two years.

6 (2) School security officers shall complete first
7 aid/CPR/AED training recertification every two years.

8 (3) School security officers and school police officers
9 shall complete child and adolescent training prescribed in
10 subsection (b.2) every three years.

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