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**MEMO**

January 7, 2011

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Rep. Tony DeLuca 

**SUBJECT:** Proposed legislation: amending the Public School Code re: Drug Testing(HB 1749 of 2009)

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In the very near future I plan to introduce legislation (HB1749 of 2009) that will require drug testing for all prospective employees of public and private schools, intermediate units and area vo-tech schools, including independent contractor and their employees.

An incident in Allegheny County, brought to my attention that we do not currently require pre-employment drug testing for our public and private school employees. I was struck by the fact that we have strict screening requirements for the hiring of state employees, turnpike workers and other public personnel yet are negligent with the individuals to whom we entrust our children, who are our most valuable assets and rely upon us for protection. It is time that we move forward into the future to protect our children by requiring prospective school employees to be included in this pre-employment screening requirement.

Should you wish to add your name as a co-sponsor to this legislation, please contact my office via e-mail at [chaldi@pahouse.net](mailto:chaldi@pahouse.net). Thank you.