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**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

**AN ACT**

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in grounds and buildings, further providing for school police officers.

**INTRODUCED** \_\_\_\_\_ **20**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Prior Session** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
<b>Date</b> _____	<b>20</b> _____
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<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
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<b>By Hon.</b> _____	



## 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.

