
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1408 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY V. BROWN, CUTLER, ROCK, CLAY, THOMAS, LUCAS, ROSS,
WATERS, EVERETT, ROEBUCK AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 16, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 16, 2013

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," further providing for the Office of
6 Safe Schools.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1302-A(b) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

12 Section 1302-A. Office for Safe Schools.--* * *

13 (b) The office shall have the power and duty to implement
14 the following:

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16 (1.1) To assist the board of any school entity that may
17 elect to provide firearm safety education programs for students
18 in the elementary school grades. To assist school entities
19 electing to provide firearm safety education programs by
20 establishing curriculum guidelines for a standardized program of

1 firearm safety education for the elementary school grades to
2 promote the protection and safety of children enrolled in public
3 schools. The curriculum guidelines shall incorporate, among
4 other principles of firearm safety, accident prevention and
5 rules upon which the Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program offered by the
6 National Rifle Association is based. School entities electing to
7 provide firearm safety education shall offer instruction
8 pursuant to the office's curriculum guidelines and shall
9 integrate firearm safety education into appropriate subject
10 areas, if feasible, to ensure that every elementary grade
11 student completes the course of study in firearm safety
12 education.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.