

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 383** Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, EICHELBERGER, VULAKOVICH, MARTIN, WARD,
HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY AND YAW, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, MAY 22, 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 a
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

1 (2) maintain a current and valid certification in the use
2 and handling of a firearm issued under:

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

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

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

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

11 (v) any other firearms program that: <--

12 (A) has been ~~determined~~ APPROVED by the Commissioner of <--
13 Pennsylvania State Police to be of sufficient scope and duration
14 as to provide the participant with basic training in the use and
15 handling of firearms-; AND <--

16 (B) IS COMPARABLE TO THE TRAINING PROGRAM UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH
17 (I), (II), (III) OR (IV).

18 (C) INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL
19 PERMITTED ACCESS TO FIREARMS IN THE BUILDINGS OR ON THE GROUNDS
20 OF A SCHOOL:

21 (1) SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008
22 (P.L.6, NO.3), KNOWN AS THE "RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW."

23 (2) MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED DURING A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
24 UNDER 65 PA.C.S. CH. 7 (RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS).

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