

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2146 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS AND VITALI, APRIL 4, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, APRIL 4, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
 3 articles, providing for Gun Violence in Schools Advisory
 4 Committee.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 6126.1. Gun Violence in Schools Advisory Committee.

10 (a) Establishment.--The Gun Violence in Schools Advisory
 11 Committee is established.

12 (b) Membership.--The Gun Violence in Schools Advisory
 13 Committee shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) The Secretary of Health or a designee.

15 (2) The Secretary of Education or a designee.

16 (3) The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency
 17 Management Agency or a designee.

18 (4) The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police or a
 19 designee.

1 (5) Three members appointed by the Attorney General of
2 the Commonwealth.

3 (6) The following members appointed by the Governor:

4 (i) Two educators.

5 (ii) Two mental health professionals.

6 (iii) Not more than six members who must be:

7 (A) Members of the Pennsylvania District
8 Attorneys Association.

9 (B) Members from the United States Bureau of
10 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

11 (7) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of
12 the Senate.

13 (8) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
14 Senate.

15 (9) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (10) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 (c) Duties.--The Gun Violence in Schools Advisory Committee
20 shall:

21 (1) Study the safety and security of the public schools
22 of this Commonwealth.

23 (2) Draft a best practices strategy for public schools
24 to use in order to secure the infrastructure and management
25 of the public schools of this Commonwealth.

26 (3) Identify resources to create a grant program for
27 public schools to access in order to have access to
28 additional resources to fund public school security plans.

29 (d) Compensation.--Members shall serve without compensation
30 at the pleasure of the respective appointing authority but shall

1 be reimbursed for expenses related to service on the Gun
2 Violence in Schools Advisory Committee.

3 (e) Terms.--Members or their designees shall serve a term of
4 office of two years. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
5 authority.

6 (f) Chairperson.--The Governor shall appoint the chairperson
7 of the Gun Violence in Schools Advisory Committee. The advisory
8 committee may elect additional officers as it deems necessary.

9 (g) Report.--The Gun Violence in Schools Advisory Committee
10 shall make initial recommendations within six months of the
11 formation of the advisory committee and issue an annual report
12 with recommendations addressing the issue of gun violence and
13 prevention in public schools of this Commonwealth to the
14 Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

15 (h) Expiration.--This section shall expire December 31,
16 2028.

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