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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 22, 2023

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 terms and courses of study,
6 providing for moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

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

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

12 Section 1555. Moment of Silence on September 11
13 Anniversary.--(a) Each school entity shall conduct a moment of
14 silence during instructional hours for students and faculty to
15 observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001, as a remembrance
16 of the thousands of military servicepersons, government
17 employees, civilians and emergency responders who lost their
18 lives or were wounded by terrorist attacks on that date.

19 (b) The Department of Education shall ~~establish a~~ IDENTIFY <--

1 model curriculum for instruction in the events and significance
2 of September 11, 2001, no later than twelve (12) months after
3 the effective date of this section. The model curriculum
4 IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION shall include, but not <--
5 be limited to, all of the following topics where appropriate:

6 (1) The historical context of terrorism.

7 (2) The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the
8 Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed in
9 Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

10 (3) American recovery and response to the attacks.

11 (4) Global challenges and consequences in a post-September-
12 11 world.

13 (c) The Department of Education shall make available on the
14 department's publicly accessible Internet website curriculum
15 materials and other available resources regarding the events and
16 significance of September 11, 2001, for voluntary use by school
17 entities.

18 (d) Nothing in subsections (b) and (c) shall be construed to
19 require a school entity or nonpublic school to implement, adopt
20 or use the curriculum, materials and other resources made
21 available by the department under this section.

22 (e) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"
23 shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter
24 school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area career
25 and technical school.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.