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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in safe schools, further providing 5 for the Office for Safe Schools. 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 8 9 Section 1. Section 1302-A(b) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is 10 11 amended by adding a paragraph to read: 12 Section 1302-A. Office for Safe Schools. -- * * * 13 The office shall have the power and duty to implement (b) the following: 14 * * * 15 16 (10) To develop, subject to funding appropriated by the 17 General Assembly for this purpose, telephone hotlines and 18 Internet notification systems ensuring anonymity to be used by students, parents, teachers, school employes and members 19

- of the community to report potential or actual violence or
- 2 possession of weapons on school property. In complying with
- 3 this paragraph the office may contract with any State agency
- 4 <u>or intermediate unit for the provision of services.</u>
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- 6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.