

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, EARLL, ALLOWAY, D. WHITE, MENSCH,
EICHELBERGER, WAUGH, BROWNE AND HUGHES, MARCH 11, 2011

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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 school health services, further defining "school nurse" and "dental hygienist."

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

Section 1. The definitions of "school nurse" and "dental hygienist" in section 1401 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, repealed and added July 15, 1957 (P.L.937, No.404) and amended August 9, 1963 (P.L.641, No.339), are amended to read:

Section 1401. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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(8) "School nurse" means a licensed registered nurse who:
(i) is either properly certificated by the [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education as a school nurse [who] or has completed a training program on nursing in a school environment that has been approved by the Department of

Education; and

(ii) is employed by a school district or joint school board as a school nurse, or is employed in providing school nurse services to children of school age by a county health unit or a department or board of health of any municipality with which a school district or joint school board has contracted for school health services pursuant to the provisions of section 1411 of this act. The employment of any nurse employed by a school district or joint school board as a school nurse prior to the effective date of this act shall not be affected by a contract for school health services that may be entered into by any school district or joint school board under the provisions of this act.

(9) "Dental hygienist" means a dental hygienist licensed by the State Dental Council and Examining Board, who:

(i) is assigned to a school district or joint school board, or a dental hygienist licensed by the State Dental Council and Examining Board and certificated as a school dental hygienist by the [Superintendent of Public Instruction, who] Secretary of Education; and

(ii) is employed by a school district or joint school board as a dental hygienist. The employment of any dental hygienist employed by a school district or joint school board as a dental hygienist prior to the effective date of this act shall not be affected by a contract for school health services that may be entered into by any school district or joint school board under the provisions of this act.

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