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BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 803, Printer's No. 832

Prime Sponsor: Piccola

A. SYNOPSIS:

Senate Bill 803 would allow school districts to choose among various media options to meet their public notice reporting requirements.

B. BILL ANALYSIS:

Current law requires school districts to publish certain notices in a newspaper of general circulation or in a newspaper printed or circulated within the school district.

The bill amends current law by allowing the school district to satisfy its notice requirements by choosing to publish in one of the following publications:

1. A newspaper of general circulation where the school district is located;
2. A newspaper printed in the school district;
3. A newspaper circulating in the school district;
4. A legal newspaper for the county in which the school district is located;
5. The school district's official Internet website;
6. The public Internet website of a newspaper; or
7. A community paper of mass dissemination, which is a locally circulated printed publication at least four pages long issued on at least a weekly basis.

In the event notification must be made in more than one publication, another publication may be chosen from the list. Each school district may determine which publication(s) it will use.

The bill shall take effect immediately.

C. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXISTING LAW:

The bill amends Section 106 (relating to publication of notices, etc.; proofs of publication) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.