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AN ACT

Amending the act of June 27, 1991 (P.L.70, No.10), entitled "An act requiring the superintendent of every public school 2 district to make available, upon request, lists of graduating 3 seniors to armed forces recruiters; and providing a penalty for the misuse of any such lists," further providing for title and for legislative intent; providing for short title and for definitions; and further providing for list of 7 seniors to be compiled, for optional compliance by nonpublic 8 schools and for reimbursement of costs. 10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 11 12 Section 1. The title of the act of June 27, 1991 (P.L.70, No.10), entitled "An act requiring the superintendent of every 13 public school district to make available, upon request, lists of 14 15 graduating seniors to armed forces recruiters; and providing a penalty for the misuse of any such lists," is amended to read: 16 17 AN ACT 18 Requiring [the superintendent of every public school district] 19 school entities to make available, upon request, lists of 20 [graduating seniors] secondary school students to armed forces recruiters; and providing a penalty for the misuse of 21

- 1 any such lists.
- 2 Section 2. Section 1 of the act is repealed:
- 3 [Section 1. Legislative intent.
- 4 It is the intent of the General Assembly through this
- 5 legislation to assist armed forces recruiters to achieve
- 6 additional access to potential recruits by compiling a list of
- 7 prospective graduating seniors for distribution upon written
- 8 request to armed forces recruiters for the cost thereof, for
- 9 recruiting purposes only.]
- 10 Section 3. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
- 11 <u>Section 1.1. Short title.</u>
- 12 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Military
- 13 Access to Student Recruiting Information Act.
- 14 <u>Section 1.2. Legislative findings.</u>
- 15 It is the intent of the General Assembly through this
- 16 <u>legislation to assist armed forces recruiters to achieve</u>
- 17 additional access to potential recruits by compiling a list of
- 18 secondary school students for distribution upon written request
- 19 to armed forces recruiters for the cost thereof, for recruiting
- 20 purposes only.
- 21 Section 1.3. Definitions.
- 22 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 23 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 24 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 25 "School entity." A school district, joint school district,
- 26 intermediate unit, area vocational-technical school, charter
- 27 <u>school, regional charter school or cyber charter school and any</u>
- 28 nonpublic school that receives assistance under the No Child
- 29 Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110, 115 Stat. 1425).
- "Secondary school student." A male or female student in

- 1 grade eleven or twelve.
- 2 Section 4. Sections 2, 3 and 5 of the act are amended to
- 3 read:
- 4 Section 2. List of [seniors] secondary school students to be
- 5 compiled.
- 6 (a) Lists. -- Subject to the limitations of subsection (b),
- 7 [the superintendent of every public school district] <u>a school</u>
- 8 <u>entity</u>, except as otherwise provided, shall, upon request, make
- 9 available to all armed forces recruiters for the active
- 10 component, reserve component and National Guard component of the
- 11 armed forces the same access to [senior] secondary school
- 12 students as is available to institutions of higher education
- 13 [and], trade schools and prospective employers. Access shall
- 14 include, but not be limited to, a list of [senior male and
- 15 female] secondary school students by name, home address and, if
- 16 published, telephone number[, who at the end of the respective
- 17 academic year will graduate from the school system]. The list
- 18 shall be compiled within 45 calendar days of the effective date
- 19 of this act and in succeeding years by the first day of the
- 20 academic year [in which the senior students will graduate].
- 21 (b) Notification.--Each school [district] entity shall
- 22 notify [the] <u>its tenth and eleventh grade</u> students <u>and</u>, <u>where</u>
- 23 the students are under 18 years of age, their parents or
- 24 quardians in writing, prior to the end of [their junior] the_
- 25 <u>academic</u> year, of the requirements imposed by subsection (a).
- 26 Each tenth and eleventh grade student and, where the student is
- 27 <u>under 18 years of age, the student's parents or quardians</u> shall
- 28 be given at least 21 calendar days to request in writing to the
- 29 [superintendent] school entity exclusion of such student's name,
- 30 <u>home address and telephone number</u> prior to the release of such

- 1 list. A school entity shall comply with each request for
- 2 exclusion.
- 3 (c) Exception. -- The requirements of this section shall not
- 4 apply to a nonpublic school which receives assistance under the
- 5 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110, 115 Stat.
- 6 1425), if the school maintains a religious objection to service
- 7 <u>in the armed forces that is verifiable through the corporate or</u>
- 8 other organizational documents or materials of the school.
- 9 Section 3. Optional compliance by nonpublic schools.
- 10 The governing body or board of each [parochial, licensed
- 11 private and] nonpublic school that does not receive assistance
- 12 under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110,
- 13 115 Stat. 1425) shall determine whether or not to comply with
- 14 the provisions of this act. If an affirmative determination is
- 15 made, then the principal of that [parochial, licensed private
- 16 or] nonpublic school shall comply with the provisions of
- 17 sections 2 and 4.
- 18 Section 5. Reimbursement of costs.
- Any costs incurred by [public and nonpublic schools] a school
- 20 district, joint school district, intermediate unit, area
- 21 vocational-technical school, charter school, regional charter
- 22 <u>school</u>, <u>cyber charter school or nonpublic school</u> in complying
- 23 with this act will be reimbursed by armed forces recruiters upon
- 24 written documentation of expenses.
- 25 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.