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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 school safety and security,
6 providing for purchase of firearm detection technology.

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 1322-B. Purchase of firearm detection technology.

13 (a) Authorization.--A school entity may, with the approval
14 of the department, enter into a contract or other agreement with
15 a vendor for the lease, purchase, installation, operation or
16 maintenance of a firearm detection technology or other equipment
17 and supplies necessary for the proper operation of the firearm
18 detection technology.

19 (b) Mandatory characteristics.--A firearm detection
20 technology leased or purchased under this section shall:

1 (1) Be capable of utilizing existing school security
2 cameras or drones to monitor video feeds for any firearm
3 brandished on school property or a school bus.

4 (2) When a brandished firearm is detected on school
5 property or a school bus, possess the capacity to immediately
6 and independently alert school personnel, first responders or
7 other persons, as determined by the department or school
8 entity, with minimal human oversight.

9 (3) Be designated as qualified antiterrorism technology
10 under 6 U.S.C. Ch. 1 Subch. VIII Pt. G (relating to support
11 anti-terrorism by fostering effective technologies).

12 (4) Be developed in the United States without the use of
13 any third-party or open-source data.

14 (c) Management.--A firearm detection technology leased or
15 purchased under this section may be managed directly by the
16 contracted vendor through a continuously monitored operations
17 center that is staffed by analysts who are trained in the
18 detection and identification of various types of firearms.

19 (d) Payment.--A school entity may pay for the operation and
20 maintenance of a firearm detection technology leased or
21 purchased under this section.

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