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Governor Tom Corbett Signs Holocaust Education Legislation Into Law – Act 70 of 2014

The Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition (PJC) commends Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett for signing into law legislation to encourage Pennsylvania schools to teach the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights violations.

House Bill 1424 (now called Act 70 of 2014), sponsored and championed by House of Representative Majority Education Chairman Paul Clymer, encourages schools to teach their students about the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights violations by having the state develop strong curriculum options to teach these subjects, distribute these curriculum options to all school districts, train teachers to teach this subject effectively, assess schools' use of these resources, and assure that every school district is offering these subjects to their students.

“Pennsylvania’s Jewish community applauds Governor Tom Corbett for signing this important legislation into law,” commented Matt Handel, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition. “Act 70 of 2014 ensures that Pennsylvania students will receive the best possible education about the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights violations. This curriculum will be developed with experts in the field and teachers will be trained to use it well. The Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition wishes to thank Governor Corbett and the many Senators and Representatives who have played an essential role in helping to move this legislation into law.”

“Educating our students about our world’s historic atrocities creates an understanding of the need for tolerance and an understanding of the consequences of bigotry and hate” continued Mr. Handel. “We must never forget the horrors of what has happened, so that we do not allow these tragic chapters of history to be repeated.”

The Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition (PJC) is the eyes, ears, and voice in Harrisburg of the Jewish communities across Pennsylvania, including Jewish Federations in Altoona, Erie, Harrisburg, Lehigh Valley, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, Wilkes-Barre, and York.