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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 preliminary provisions, providing
6 for career information and recruitment.

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 128. Career Information and Recruitment.--(a)
13 Subject to subsection (c), a school entity shall offer
14 representatives of skilled trades, area vocational-technical
15 schools, community colleges operating under Article XIX-A,
16 institutions of higher education, business, industry, charitable
17 institutions and other employers with equal access to
18 participate in the following:

19 (1) Delivery of information regarding employment, employment

1 training or education opportunities to students enrolled in the
2 school entity.

3 (2) Recruitment of students enrolled in the school entity.

4 (b) Each school entity receiving assistance under the Every
5 Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802) shall
6 provide military recruiters the same access to students as
7 provided under subsection (a).

8 (c) A school entity shall:

9 (1) Provide each of the representatives under subsections
10 (a) and (b) with the following:

11 (i) Equal access to the school entity's employment,
12 placement or guidance services.

13 (ii) At least one opportunity during the school year to
14 provide age-appropriate information to all students in grades
15 four through twelve regarding educational opportunities,
16 employment training or career opportunities, individually or in
17 a group setting, through making a presentation at a school
18 assembly, hosting students for a visit to an area vocational-
19 technical school, community college, institution of higher
20 education or place of employment or any other method of speaking
21 directly to students.

22 (2) Document annually the following in the plan developed
23 under 22 Pa. Code § 339.31 (relating to plan):

24 (i) The school entity's compliance with this section for the
25 immediately preceding school year.

26 (ii) The school entity's plan to provide students with
27 access to informational materials and career presenters as
28 required under this section in the following school year.

29 (3) Post the plan on the school entity's publicly accessible
30 Internet website.

1 (d) A school entity may not discourage students from
2 pursuing any educational or career path and shall ensure that
3 each student enrolled in the school entity has access to the
4 information and activities required to be provided under this
5 section.

6 (e) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the
7 Department of Labor and Industry, shall develop standard
8 informational materials which include, but are not limited to, a
9 summary of regional workforce needs, career cluster occupations,
10 high-priority occupations, training opportunities and future
11 earning potential. The materials shall be reviewed and updated
12 annually. Each school entity shall ensure such materials are
13 distributed to all students in grades four through twelve during
14 the school year and are also made available at any scheduled
15 educational or career fair.

16 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
17 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
18 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Institution of higher education." An accredited entity
20 which is any of the following:

21 (1) A university within the State System of Higher
22 Education.

23 (2) The Pennsylvania State University, the University of
24 Pittsburgh, Temple University, Lincoln University or any other
25 institution designated as State-related by the Commonwealth.

26 (3) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

27 (4) A college established under Article XIX-G.

28 (5) An institution of higher education located in and
29 incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to
30 confer degrees as specified in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to

1 power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards
2 and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education
3 under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges,
4 universities and seminaries).

5 (6) A private school licensed under the act of December 15,
6 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools
7 Act.

8 (7) A foreign corporation approved to operate an educational
9 enterprise under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 36 (relating to foreign
10 corporation standards).

11 "School entity." An area vocational-technical school, school
12 district, intermediate unit, cyber charter school, charter
13 school or regional charter school.

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