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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 16, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 11, 1905 (P.L.518, No.429), entitled "An
2 act making an appropriation for the erection of a home or
3 school for indigent orphans, to be called the Thaddeus
4 Stevens Industrial and Reform School of Pennsylvania, in
5 which school provision shall be made for giving instruction
6 in reading, writing, arithmetic, drawing, duties of
7 citizenship, elementary manual training, the elements of
8 farming, and other requisite branches," changing the name of
9 the school, further providing for administration, admissions,
10 tuition students, ex-officio visitors and the annual report,
11 providing for a president, and other administrative personnel
12 and rights of teachers, eliminating salary provisions and
13 making editorial corrections.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The title, act of May 11, 1905 (P.L.518, No.429),
17 entitled "An act making an appropriation for the erection of a
18 home or school for indigent orphans, to be called the Thaddeus
19 Stevens Industrial and Reform School of Pennsylvania, in which
20 school provision shall be made for giving instruction in
21 reading, writing, arithmetic, drawing, duties of citizenship,
22 elementary manual training, the elements of farming, and other
23 requisite branches," is amended to read:

AN ACT

Making an appropriation for the erection of a home or school for indigent orphans, to be called the Thaddeus Stevens [Industrial and Reform School of Pennsylvania,] State School of Technology in which school provision shall be made for giving instruction in reading, writing, arithmetic, drawing, duties of citizenship, elementary manual training, the elements of farming, and other requisite branches.

Section 2. Section 1 of the act, amended April 29, 1909 (P.L.274, No.176), is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That within ninety days of the passage of this act, the governor shall appoint five commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, who shall build an institution on such plot of ground, not less than two acres, as the citizens of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, may donate for the purpose aforesaid, for the education and training of indigent orphans: Provided, however, If a sufficient number of the above class to fill the places provided in said school, who are deemed by the trustees, under rules established for the government of the school, qualified for admission, shall not apply, then the board of trustees of the corporation created by this act may admit, first, (i) [orphans who may not be indigent] other deserving persons, and, afterwards, (ii) [other deserving boys, though they be not orphans,] orphans who may not be indigent as the trustees in their best judgment may think proper. Those shall be deemed orphans who have lost either parent.

Section 3. Section 5 of the act is amended to read:

Section 5. The buildings shall be separated, and shall embrace one or more school houses, and one or more workshops,

1 and an isolating hospital, all on such scale as will create an
2 institution accommodating not less than two hundred [boys]
3 persons, planned and located for easy and natural additions, as
4 the needs of the institution may demand.

5 Section 4. Section 7 of the act, amended June 21, 1947
6 (P.L.764, No.327), is amended to read:

7 Section 7. The said commissioners, upon the completion of
8 the said institution, shall surrender their trust to a board of
9 trustees to consist of nine members, who shall serve without
10 compensation, and be appointed by the Governor, by and with the
11 advice and consent of the Senate. Said trustees shall be a body
12 politic or corporate, of the name of the Thaddeus Stevens [Trade
13 School] State School of Technology. They shall manage and
14 direct the affairs of the institution, and make all necessary
15 by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with either the
16 provisions of the Constitution, [or] laws of the Commonwealth,
17 or rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. Of the
18 trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three
19 for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration
20 of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the
21 Governor, by appointment, for three years, as hereinbefore
22 provided; and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation,
23 or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled, by
24 appointment as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of said
25 trustee. The [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary
26 of Education shall be ex-officio member of the board of
27 trustees.

28 Section 5. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

29 Section 7.1. The chief administrator and academic officer of
30 the Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology shall be the

1 president whose duties shall be defined by the Board of Trustees
2 and approved by the Secretary of Education. Other administrative
3 personnel shall be designated at the discretion of the Board of
4 Trustees.

5 Section 6. Sections 8 and 8.1 of the act, amended or added
6 January 14, 1952 (P.L.1927, No.532), are amended to read:

7 Section 8. There shall be received into the institution
8 indigent orphan [boys] persons or other deserving [boys]
9 persons, from the State of Pennsylvania, above the age of
10 fifteen years, whose admission may be applied for under such
11 regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt. In considering
12 such admission no preference shall be shown on account of race,
13 [or] color, [or] sex, marital status, ~~sexual preference,~~ ethnic <—
14 group or religion. The course of instruction shall be the
15 equivalent level of the junior and senior year of a four year
16 public vocational-technical high school [course and] and/or a
17 two year postsecondary institution which shall include (1)
18 vocational education of [less than college grade] no more than
19 two years leading to the awarding of diplomas, certificates or
20 associate degrees, when approved by the Secretary of Education
21 in accordance with rules and regulations established by the
22 State Board for this level of education, for the purpose of
23 fitting students to pursue effectively a recognized profitable
24 employment, and (2) evening or other classes providing such
25 instruction for persons [seventeen years of age or over] who
26 have left full-time school providing the Board of Trustees shall
27 establish and charge tuition for such instruction that will
28 cover the total cost of instruction including all direct costs
29 and the allocable portion of all applicable indirect costs.

30 Section 8.1. In addition to State-supported resident

1 students as defined in section 1, the board of trustees may
2 admit for study at the school part-time or full-time
3 [nonresident] tuition students, and shall fix and charge tuition
4 rates as approved by the Secretary of Education for such
5 [nonresident] students. All money collected as tuition by the
6 institution shall be paid into the General Fund and credited to
7 the appropriations made to the institution.

8 Section 7. Section 10 of the act is amended to read:

9 [Section 10. The salaries of the officers, teachers and
10 attendants of the institution shall be fixed by the Board of
11 Trustees.]

12 Section 8. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

13 Section 10.1. Except as otherwise provided by law, teachers
14 in the Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology shall enjoy
15 the same privileges, including tenure rights, and be subject to
16 the same laws as teachers in the public schools of this
17 Commonwealth.

18 Section 9. Section 11 of the act is amended to read:

19 Section 11. The Governor, [Superintendent of Public
20 Instruction] Secretary of Education, Judges of the several
21 courts of the State, and Senators and Representatives in the
22 Legislature shall be ex-officio visitors of said institution;
23 and it shall be subject to inspection by the Department of
24 [Public Instruction] Education; and an annual report of the
25 conduct and management of the school shall be made by the
26 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] President to the General
27 Assembly and the Secretary of Education.

28 Section 10. Whenever in any law reference is made to the
29 Thaddeus Stevens Industrial and Reform School of Pennsylvania or
30 the Thaddeus Stevens Trade School it shall be deemed to refer to

1 and include the Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology.

2 Section 11. This act shall take effect immediately.