

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2508 Session of
1990INTRODUCED BY COWELL, MILLER, SCHULER, BARLEY, STRITTMATTER,
BRANDT, SCHEETZ AND COLAFELLA, APRIL 24, 1990AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 22, 1990

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 6, 1980 (P.L.82, No.28), entitled "An
2 act providing for the continuation, operation and
3 administration of the school for indigent orphans known as
4 the Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology in Lancaster,
5 Pennsylvania in which school instruction shall be given in
6 all basic educational subjects and additional training given
7 in elementary manual skills, elements of farming and other
8 programs of similar nature," further providing for the powers
9 and duties of the board of trustees and the president, for
10 admissions, FOR THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION and for rights of <—
11 faculty and staff; and making an editorial change.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. ~~Sections~~ THE TITLE AND SECTIONS 6, 7 and 8 of the <—
15 act of April 6, 1980 (P.L.82, No.28), known as the Thaddeus
16 Stevens State School of Technology Act, are amended to read:

17 AN ACT <—

18 PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION, OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF
19 THE SCHOOL FOR INDIGENT ORPHANS KNOWN AS THE THADDEUS STEVENS
20 STATE SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY IN LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA IN
21 WHICH [SCHOOL INSTRUCTION SHALL BE GIVEN IN ALL BASIC

1 EDUCATIONAL SUBJECTS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING GIVEN IN
2 ELEMENTARY MANUAL SKILLS, ELEMENTS OF FARMING AND OTHER
3 PROGRAMS OF SIMILAR NATURE] TWO-YEAR POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS
4 IN VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION SHALL BE GIVEN.

5 Section 6. Board of trustees.

6 The board of trustees shall consist of nine members, who
7 shall serve without compensation, and be appointed by the
8 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said
9 trustees shall be a body politic or corporate, of the name of
10 the Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology. They shall
11 [manage and direct the affairs of the institution], under
12 section 1311 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
13 known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," have general
14 direction and control of the property and management of the
15 institution; develop broad institutional policy; and make all
16 necessary bylaws and regulations, not inconsistent with either
17 the provisions of the Constitution, laws of the Commonwealth, or
18 rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. Of the
19 trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three
20 for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration
21 of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the
22 Governor, by appointment, for three years, as hereinbefore
23 provided; and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation,
24 or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled, by
25 appointment as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of said
26 trustee. The Secretary of Education shall be ex-officio member
27 of the board of trustees.

28 Section 7. President of the school.

29 The chief administrator and academic officer of the Thaddeus
30 Stevens State School of Technology shall be the president whose

1 duties shall be defined by the board of trustees and approved by
2 the Secretary of Education. [Other administrative personnel
3 shall be designated at the discretion of the board of trustees.]

4 Section 8. [Individuals eligible for admission] ADMISSION OF <—
5 STUDENTS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

6 (a) [There shall be received into the institution indigent <—
7 orphan persons or other deserving persons, from the State of
8 Pennsylvania, above the age of 15 years, whose admission may be
9 applied for under such regulations as the board of trustees may
10 adopt.] THE SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION <—
11 HEREINAFTER DEFINED FOR THOSE PERSONS ADMITTED TO THE
12 INSTITUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 4. In considering such admission
13 no preference shall be shown on account of race, color, sex,
14 marital status, ethnic group or religion.

15 (b) The course of instruction shall be the equivalent level
16 of [the junior and senior year of a four year public vocational-
17 technical high school and/or a two year] a two-year
18 postsecondary institution which shall include[: <—

19 (1) [~~vocational~~] vocational-technical education of no <—
20 more than two years leading to the awarding of [diplomas,] <—
21 certificates or associate degrees, when approved by the
22 Secretary of Education in accordance with rules and
23 regulations established by the State Board for this level of
24 education, for the purpose of fitting pupils to pursue
25 effectively a recognized profitable employment[; and <—

26 (2) evening or other classes providing such instruction
27 for persons who have left full-time school providing the
28 board of trustees shall establish and charge tuition for such
29 instruction that will cover the total cost of instruction
30 including all direct costs and the allocable portion of all

1 applicable indirect costs]. <—

2 Section 2. Section 10 of the act is repealed.

3 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

4 Section 10.1. Rights of faculty and staff.

5 ~~(a) Existing faculty.~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, <—

6 faculty employed in the Thaddeus Stevens State School of

7 Technology on the effective date of this section shall enjoy the <—

8 same privileges, including tenure rights, and be subject to the

9 same laws, EXCEPT CERTIFICATION, as faculty in the public <—

10 schools of this Commonwealth and to collective bargaining

11 agreements entered into under the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563,

12 No.195), known as the "Public Employe Relations Act."

13 ~~(b) Subsequently hired faculty.~~ Faculty hired by the <—

14 ~~Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology after the effective~~

15 ~~date of this section shall be subject to collective bargaining~~

16 ~~agreements entered into under the "Public Employe Relations~~

17 ~~Act."~~

18 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.