

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 407 Session of 2001

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ROBBINS, LOGAN, HOLL AND MELLOW, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

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," further providing for Commonwealth
6 reimbursements for vocational education equipment grants; and
7 making an appropriation.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1855 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
12 May 10, 2000 (P.L.44, No.16), is amended to read:

13 Section 1855. Vocational Education Equipment Grants.--For
14 the 2000-2001 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the
15 Department of Education shall establish a grant program to
16 assist area vocational-technical schools and school districts
17 offering approved vocational-technical programs in purchasing
18 equipment that meets industry standards for the purpose of
19 providing training to students. Grants shall be limited to the

1 purchase of equipment in the following program areas: automotive
2 technology, auto body, diesel technology, precision machine
3 technology, heating ventilation and air conditioning, printing,
4 dental assisting, electronics, building trades and other program
5 areas approved by the Secretary of Education. Grants shall be
6 awarded by the Department of Education on a matching basis, two
7 State dollars (\$2) for every local dollar (\$1), and shall be
8 limited to funds appropriated for that purpose.

9 Section 2. The sum of \$10,000,000, or as much thereof as may
10 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of
11 Education for the fiscal year July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002,
12 for the purpose of vocational education equipment grant payments
13 for area vocational-technical schools and school districts.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.