

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 265

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 10, by striking out all  
2 of said lines and inserting

3 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled  
4 "An act relating to the public school system, including  
5 certain provisions applicable as well to private and  
6 parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and  
7 changing the laws relating thereto," in preliminary  
8 provisions, providing for career information and recruitment;  
9 in terms and courses of study, further providing for  
10 Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence; in  
11 vocational education, further providing for career and  
12 technical education equipment grants and providing for  
13 utilization of credits; providing for classification of  
14 program code; and, in transfers of credits between  
15 institutions of higher education, further providing for  
16 definitions, for duties of public institutions of higher  
17 education and State-related institutions, for Transfer and  
18 Articulation Oversight Committee and for duties of  
19 department.

20 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 21; pages 2 through 7,  
21 lines 1 through 30; page 8, lines 1 through 8; by striking out  
22 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

23 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
24 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
25 section to read:

26 Section 128. Career Information and Recruitment.--(a)  
27 Subject to subsection (d), a school entity shall offer  
28 representatives of skilled trades, publicly identified priority  
29 occupations, area vocational-technical schools, community  
30 colleges operating under Article XIX-A and institutions of  
31 higher education the opportunity to participate in the  
32 following:

33 (1) Delivery of information regarding employment, employment  
34 training or education opportunities to students enrolled in the  
35 school entity.

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

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

6     (c) Representatives under subsection (a) must be compliant  
7 with the requirements under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344.2 (relating to  
8 volunteers having contact with children) and shall give no less  
9 than thirty (30) days' notice when requesting access from a  
10 school entity under subsection (a)(1) or (2).

11     (d) A school entity shall:

12     (1) Offer each of the representatives under subsections (a)  
13 and (b) 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.

31     (e) A school entity may not discourage students from  
32 pursuing any educational or career path and shall ensure that  
33 each student enrolled in the school entity has access to the  
34 information and activities required to be provided under this  
35 section.

36     (f) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the  
37 Department of Labor and Industry, shall develop:

38     (1) Standard informational materials which include, but are  
39 not limited to, a summary of regional workforce needs produced  
40 biennially by the Department of Labor and Industry, career  
41 cluster occupations, publicly identified priority occupations,  
42 training opportunities and future earning potential. The  
43 materials shall be reviewed and updated annually. Each school  
44 entity shall ensure that all students in grades four through  
45 twelve are provided access to the materials during the school  
46 year and the materials are also made available at any scheduled  
47 educational or career fair or activity under subsection (a) or  
48 (d).

49     (2) Guidelines to assist school entities in the  
50 implementation of this section.

51     (g) As used in this section, the following words and phrases

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
2 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Institution of higher education." An accredited entity  
4 which is any of the following:

5 (1) A university within the State System of Higher Education  
6 under Article XX-A.

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

10 (3) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

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

12 (5) An institution of higher education located in and  
13 incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to  
14 confer degrees as specified in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to  
15 power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards  
16 and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education  
17 under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges,  
18 universities and seminaries).

19 (6) A private school licensed under the act of December 15,  
20 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools  
21 Act.

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

25 "Publicly identified priority occupation." A profession  
26 that:

27 (1) Is high-wage and high-skill for which there is excess  
28 employer demand as may be included in the Department of Labor  
29 and Industry's current year's high-priority or in-demand  
30 occupations list or the State System of Higher Education's  
31 workforce needs assessment.

32 (2) Requires a credential, certification, licensing,  
33 postsecondary training, associate's degree, bachelor's degree,  
34 master's degree or doctoral or first professional degree.

35 "School entity." An area vocational-technical school, school  
36 district, intermediate unit, cyber charter school, charter  
37 school or regional charter school.

38 Section 2. Section 1549.1(1) of the act is amended by adding  
39 a paragraph to read:

40 Section 1549.1. Commission for Agricultural Education  
41 Excellence.--\* \* \*

42 (1) The commission shall have all the following powers and  
43 duties:

44 \* \* \*

45 (6) In consultation with and with the approval of the  
46 Department of Education, develop guidelines to identify the  
47 circumstances when a student who successfully completes an  
48 academic course, program or activity for credit may apply the  
49 credit toward the completion of an agricultural education  
50 program. The guidelines developed under this paragraph shall be  
51 posted on the Department of Education's publicly accessible

Internet website within fifteen days of approval. The Department of Education shall review the guidelines at least every five years. Any proposed update to the guidelines shall be developed in consultation with the commission.

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Section 3. Section 1855 of the act is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 1855. Career and Technical Education Equipment Grants.--\* \* \*

(b.1) A piece of equipment purchased with money from the grant program must satisfy the following criteria:

(1) Support student hands-on training in approved career and technical education programs that lead to high-growth or high-demand careers.

(2) Cost three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or more per unit or per complete set of tools.

(3) Retain its original shape, appearance and character with use.

(4) Retain its identity through fabrication or incorporation into a different or more complex unit or substance.

(5) Be nonexpendable, such that if the equipment is damaged or some of its parts are lost or worn out, it is more feasible to repair the equipment than to replace the equipment with an entirely new unit.

(6) Be expected to serve its principal purpose for more than a twelve (12) month fiscal period under normal conditions of use, including reasonable care and maintenance.

(7) Be in compliance with any other criteria determined by the Department of Education.

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Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1856. Utilization of Credits.--The Department of Education shall issue guidelines and update the guidelines every five years to identify the circumstances when a student who successfully completes a course, program or activity in science, technology, engineering or mathematics for credit may apply the credit toward the completion of a course, program or activity offered by any area vocational-technical school, technical institute or vocational school or department.

Section 5. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

#### ARTICLE XIX-H

##### CLASSIFICATION OF PROGRAM CODE

Section 1901-H. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Classification of program code." A numerical coding of instructional programs developed by the United States Department of Education used to identify vocational programs.

"Department." The Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

1 "Public school entity." A school district, charter school,  
2 regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit  
3 or area vocational-technical school.

4 Section 1902-H. Establishment or renewal of classification of  
5 program code.

6 The department shall establish a standard application form  
7 for a public school entity seeking approval to establish or  
8 renew a classification of program code. The form shall be  
9 published on the department's publicly accessible Internet  
10 website. The form shall require the following information:

11 (1) The name of the public school entity seeking  
12 approval to establish or renew a classification of program  
13 code.

14 (2) The title of the classification of program code.

15 (3) The occupational competency area of the  
16 classification of program code.

17 (4) A description of the classification of program code.

18 (5) A list of skills that a student must attain in order  
19 to complete the classification of program code.

20 (6) Evidence of financial support for the classification  
21 of program code from the public school entity.

22 (7) Any additional information that the department deems  
23 necessary to determine whether to approve or disapprove of  
24 the classification of program code.

25 Section 1903-H. Submission of applications.

26 No later than January 31 of each year, a public school entity  
27 may submit the application under section 1902-H to the  
28 department for approval or disapproval of a classification of  
29 program code.

30 Section 1904-H. Notice of approval or denial of applications.

31 (a) Notice.--No later than May 31 of the year the department  
32 receives an application under section 1902-H, the department  
33 shall notify a public school entity which submitted the  
34 application whether the department approved or denied the  
35 application.

36 (b) Posting.--No later than June 15 of the year the  
37 department approved the application under subsection (a), the  
38 department shall post the classification of program code on its  
39 publicly accessible Internet website.

40 Section 6. Sections 2001-C and 2003-C of the act are amended  
41 to read:

42 Section 2001-C. Definitions.

43 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
44 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
45 context clearly indicates otherwise:

46 "Advanced Placement Program." A program authorized by the  
47 college board that allows a student to study college-level  
48 subjects while enrolled in high school and to receive advanced  
49 placement and college credit for earning a qualified score on  
50 the course-related Advanced Placement Program exam.

51 "Career, technical or applied courses." Courses usually

1 offered as part of an associate degree curriculum designed to  
2 prepare students for entry-level professions, not for transfer  
3 to baccalaureate programs for advanced studies.

4 "College-Level Examination Program." A set of standardized  
5 tests developed by the college board for various subjects, and  
6 on which a qualifying score can be used to earn college credit.

7 "Community college." An institution created pursuant to  
8 Article XIX-A or the act of August 24, 1963 (P.L.1132, No.484),  
9 known as the Community College Act of 1963.

10 "Credit for prior learning." College-level credit granted  
11 toward the award of a postsecondary degree or certificate for  
12 experiential learning that can be demonstrated through various  
13 means of assessment to be the equivalent of learning gained  
14 through formal collegiate instruction, including an Advanced  
15 Placement Program exam, International Baccalaureate Diploma  
16 Program exam, a College-Level Examination Program exam and  
17 Dantes Subject Standardized Tests.

18 "Dantes Subject Standardized Tests." A set of subject exams  
19 approved by the American Council on Education that tests  
20 knowledge of both lower-level and upper-level college material.

21 ["Degree objective courses." Courses required for completion  
22 of a major in a subject area.]

23 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
24 Commonwealth.

25 "Developmental or remedial courses." Courses typically  
26 consisting of reading, writing and math designed to prepare  
27 students for college-level courses and that are not  
28 transferable.

29 "Equivalent courses." Courses determined to have generally  
30 equivalent content and level as determined by the faculty of an  
31 institution of higher education consistent with the policy at  
32 each institution of higher education.

33 "Foundation courses." Courses required to be completed by  
34 students that provide an academic foundation for the degree,  
35 general education or advanced study in a major.

36 "Independent institution of higher education." An  
37 institution of higher education which is operated not for  
38 profit, located in and incorporated or chartered by the  
39 Commonwealth and entitled to confer degrees as set forth in 24  
40 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to power to confer degrees) and to  
41 apply to itself the designation "college" or "university" as  
42 provided for by the standards and qualifications prescribed by  
43 the State Board of Education pursuant to 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65  
44 (relating to private colleges, universities and seminaries).

45 "Industry-recognized credential." A credential that:

46 (1) is sought or accepted by employers within the  
47 industry or sector involved as a recognized, preferred or  
48 required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring,  
49 retention or advancement purposes;

50 (2) where appropriate, is endorsed by a nationally  
51 recognized trade association or organization representing a

1 significant part of the industry or sector; and  
2 (3) is approved by the department.  
3 "Institution of higher education." Any of the accredited  
4 following:  
5 (1) A public institution of higher education.  
6 (2) A rural regional college.  
7 (3) A State-related institution.  
8 (4) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.  
9 "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program." An  
10 academically challenging two-year precollege diploma program  
11 comprised of three core requirements and six academic subject  
12 areas with final examinations that prepare students, 16 to 19  
13 years of age, for higher education and life in a global society.  
14 "Public institution of higher education." A community  
15 college or an institution which is part of the State System of  
16 Higher Education pursuant to Article XX-A.  
17 "Public school." Any of the following:  
18 (1) A school district.  
19 (2) An intermediate unit.  
20 (3) An area vocational-technical school.  
21 (4) A charter school, as defined in section 1703-A.  
22 (5) A regional charter school, as defined in section  
23 1703-A.  
24 (6) A cyber charter school, as defined in section 1703-  
25 A.  
26 "Rural regional college." A rural regional college operating  
27 under Article XIX-G.  
28 "State-related institution." The Pennsylvania State  
29 University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University,  
30 Lincoln University and their branch campuses.  
31 "Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee." The  
32 committee established under section 2004-C.  
33 Section 2003-C. Duties of [public] institutions of higher  
34 education and [State-related institutions] public  
35 schools.  
36 (a) Agreements.--Each [public] institution of higher  
37 education and [State-related institution] public school shall  
38 provide the Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee and  
39 the department with copies of all articulation agreements for  
40 inclusion in the electronic database or software program and  
41 portal provided for under section 2005-C(4) within 180 days of  
42 the effective date of this section and within 30 days of  
43 entering into any subsequent articulation agreement.  
44 (b) Reporting requirements.--The following shall apply to  
45 reporting requirements:  
46 (1) Each [public] institution of higher education [and  
47 State-related institution] shall submit to the department a  
48 series of interim reports that describe the status of the  
49 institution's articulation agreements, which shall include  
50 all of the following:  
51 (i) The number of students who have transferred to

1 the [public] institution of higher education [or State-  
2 related institution] by institution of origin within the  
3 last academic year or since submittal of the  
4 institution's last interim report required under this  
5 section.

6 (ii) The total number of credits completed by  
7 transfer students at the institution of origin.

8 (iii) The total number of credits from each  
9 institution of origin that transferred to the [public]  
10 institution of higher education [or State-related  
11 institution] for each academic year.

12 (iv) An explanation of the credit transfer process  
13 at the institution.

14 (v) Any other information related to the credit  
15 transfer process as requested by the department,  
16 including the useability of transfer credits.

17 (2) Each [public] institution of higher education [and  
18 State-related institution] shall submit its first interim  
19 report required under this section 180 days after the  
20 effective date of this section and by September 30 of each  
21 year thereafter.

22 Section 7. Section 2004-C(a)(1) introductory paragraph is  
23 amended and subsection (c) is amended by adding a paragraph to  
24 read:

25 Section 2004-C. Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee.

26 (a) Establishment and membership.--

27 (1) In order to develop and implement equivalency  
28 standards as provided for in subsection (c)(1) and provide  
29 access to articulation agreements, there is hereby  
30 established within the department, the Transfer and  
31 Articulation Oversight Committee. The committee shall be  
32 comprised of the following members:

33 \* \* \*

34 (c) Duties of Transfer and Articulation Oversight  
35 Committee.--The committee shall:

36 \* \* \*

37 (7) Meet on a regular basis at least quarterly.

38 Section 8. Section 2005-C(4) of the act is amended to read:  
39 Section 2005-C. Duties of department.

40 The department shall:

41 \* \* \*

42 (4) Provide for an electronic database or software  
43 program and portal for the purpose of providing access to all  
44 of the following information on an Internet website:

45 (i) Articulation agreements and agreements that  
46 award credit for an industry-recognized credential  
47 entered into by [public institutions of higher education  
48 and institutions that elect to participate under section  
49 2006-C.] institutions of higher education, public schools  
50 and institutions described under clause (C). The  
51 following apply:



1           (A) The department shall extract transfer  
2           information from each articulation agreement and each  
3           agreement that awards credit for an industry-  
4           recognized credential and enter the information into  
5           the electronic database or software program and  
6           portal and provide a meaningful, user-friendly and  
7           interactive search engine for access to the  
8           information.

9           (B) The department shall, within 60 days of  
10          receiving an articulation agreement or agreement that  
11          awards credit for an industry-recognized credential,  
12          update the database and post each articulation  
13          agreement and each agreement that awards credit for  
14          an industry-recognized credential on its publicly  
15          accessible Internet website.

16          (C) An institution which is not subject to the  
17          duties under section 2003-C may submit to the  
18          department any articulation agreement or agreement  
19          that awards credit for an industry-recognized  
20          credential into which the institution enters. Each  
21          submitted articulation agreement and each agreement  
22          that awards credit for an industry-recognized  
23          credential shall be subject to this paragraph.

24          (ii) The annual report to the General Assembly as  
25          required by section 2004-C(c)(5).

26          [(iii) At the request of a public institution of  
27          higher education or an institution that elects to  
28          participate under section 2006-C, any articulation  
29          agreements.]

30          Section 9. This act shall take effect in 60 days.