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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 21, 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," providing an incentive program to
6 increase enrollment at area vocational-technical schools; and
7 making an appropriation.

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

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

13 Section 2595.1. Area Vocational-Technical School Enrollment
14 Incentive Program.--(a) Any school district that sponsors an
15 area vocational-technical school is eligible to participate in

1 the enrollment incentive program.

2 (b) Incentives shall be provided annually to A school <—
3 ~~districts which sponsor area vocational technical schools and~~ <—
4 ~~which meet or exceed their enrollment goals as those enrollment~~
5 ~~goals are established in the area vocational technical schools'~~
6 ~~articles of agreement. Payment of enrollment incentive funds to~~
7 ~~school districts that meet or exceed their enrollment goals~~
8 ~~shall be based on a school district's increase in student~~

9 DISTRICT WHICH SPONSORS AN AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND <—
10 WHICH MEETS, EXCEEDS OR MAINTAINS ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL AS THAT
11 ENROLLMENT GOAL IS ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
12 SCHOOL'S ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. PAYMENT OF ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE
13 FUNDS OR ENROLLMENT MAINTENANCE FUNDS TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT
14 MEETS, EXCEEDS OR MAINTAINS ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL SHALL BE BASED
15 ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INCREASE IN OR MAINTENANCE OF ITS
16 STUDENT enrollment. For the purposes of this section, enrollment <—
17 ~~goals~~ AN ENROLLMENT GOAL shall be enrollment goals THE <—
18 ENROLLMENT GOAL in effect in the year prior to the year in which
19 the enrollment incentive is paid.

20 (c) Any school district may apply to the Department of
21 Education for enrollment incentive funds OR ENROLLMENT <—
22 MAINTENANCE FUNDS under this section by submitting data showing
23 that the school district has met ~~or~~, exceeded OR MAINTAINED its <—
24 enrollment goal. Data showing that the school district has met
25 ~~or exceeded~~, EXCEEDED OR MAINTAINED its enrollment goal must <—
26 compare the school district's enrollment in an area vocational-
27 technical school in the year prior to the year for which
28 enrollment incentives are paid to the school district's
29 enrollment in an area vocational-technical school in the year
30 for which enrollment incentives are paid.

(d) For purposes of this section, a school district shall be eligible for enrollment incentive funds under the following circumstances:

(1) Where a school district's enrollment data shows that the school district has met its enrollment goal, the increase in student enrollment shall be equal to the difference between the school district's enrollment goal and the school district's actual enrollment in an area vocational-technical school in the year prior to the year for which the enrollment incentive is paid.

(2) Where a school district's enrollment data shows that the school district has exceeded its enrollment goal, the increase in student enrollment shall be equal to the difference between the school district's actual enrollment in the area vocational-technical school and the school district's enrollment in the area vocational-technical school in the year prior to the year for which the enrollment incentive is paid. WHERE A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT DATA SHOWS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS MAINTAINED ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACTUAL ENROLLMENT FOR THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE ENROLLMENT IS PAID:

(I) IS AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE ACTUAL ENROLLMENT FOR THE YEAR PRIOR TO WHICH THE ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID; AND

(II) MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE ENROLLMENT GOAL FOR THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE ENROLLMENT GOAL FOR THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR FOR WHICH ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID.

(e) (1) The Secretary of Education shall award a school district that applies for enrollment incentive funds under subsection (c) and meets or exceeds its enrollment goal an amount determined by multiplying the increase in student

1 enrollment as determined by subsection (d) by a fixed amount per
2 student established annually when the appropriation for the area
3 vocational-technical school enrollment incentive program is
4 established. The fixed amount per student shall not exceed two
5 thousand dollars (\$2,000).

6 (2) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD A SCHOOL DISTRICT <—
7 THAT APPLIES FOR ENROLLMENT MAINTENANCE FUNDS UNDER SUBSECTION
8 (C) AND MEETS ITS ENROLLMENT GOALS IN THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE
9 ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID AND FOR THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR
10 FOR WHICH ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID, AND HAS AN ACTUAL
11 ENROLLMENT AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE ACTUAL ENROLLMENT OF THE YEAR
12 PRIOR TO THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID, AN
13 ENROLLMENT MAINTENANCE PAYMENT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
14 (\$10,000).

15 (f) Enrollment incentive funds shall be paid only to school
16 districts that qualify pursuant to subsection (b).

17 Section 2. The sum of \$10,000,000, or as much thereof as may
18 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of
19 Education for the fiscal year July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002,
20 for purposes of enrollment incentive payments for area
21 vocational-technical schools.

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