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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JUNE 18, 1984

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## AN ACT

1 Establishing a program within the Department of Education for  
2 the acquisition of new vocational-technical equipment and the  
3 upgrading of existing vocational-technical equipment that is  
4 necessary to provide secondary, postsecondary and adult  
5 students with relevant occupational training; providing for  
6 allocations and grants of money; and making a nonlapsing  
7 appropriation.

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

10 Section 1. Short title.

11 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Updating of  
12 Vocational-Technical Equipment Act.

13 Section 2. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall

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

3 "Department." The Department of Education.

4 "Enrollment." Secondary and adult enrollments collected  
5 through the Vocational Education Management Information System.

6 "Equivalent full-time students." Equivalent full-time  
7 students enrolled in two-year or less than two-year terminal  
8 non-liberal arts programs as set forth in the act of August 24,  
9 1963 (P.L.1132, No.484), known as the Community College Act of  
10 1963.

11 "Private industry council." The private industry councils  
12 established under the Federal Job Training Partnership Act  
13 (Public Law 97-300, 29 U.S.C. § 1501, et seq.).

14 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education.

15 Section 3. Acquisition and upgrading of vocational-technical  
16 equipment.

17 (a) Program.--There is established within the department a  
18 program to provide funds directly to school districts, area  
19 vocational-technical schools and community colleges for the  
20 acquisition and upgrading of vocational-technical equipment. The  
21 program shall provide funds to be used exclusively for the  
22 purchase or lease of new vocational-technical equipment and the  
23 upgrading of existing vocational-technical equipment that is  
24 necessary to offer vocational-technical courses or programs to  
25 secondary, postsecondary and adult students that provide skills  
26 needed in the labor market.

27 (b) Funds available to school districts and ~~regional~~ AREA <—  
28 vocational-technical schools.--Of the total funds available,  
29 school districts and area vocational-technical schools shall be  
30 granted 55% to acquire or lease new equipment or to upgrade

1 existing equipment necessary to provide occupationally related  
2 vocational-technical courses to secondary and adult students.  
3 The department shall compute the grants for each school district  
4 or area vocational-technical school using the grant formula  
5 provided in section 5(a).

6 (c) Funds available to community colleges.--Of the total  
7 funds available, community colleges shall be granted 45% to  
8 acquire new equipment or to upgrade existing equipment necessary  
9 to provide courses to students enrolled in two-year or less than  
10 two-year terminal non-liberal arts programs. The department  
11 shall compute the grants for each community college using the  
12 grant formula provided in section 5(b).

13 Section 4. Receipt of funds.

14 (a) Allocation approval requirements.--Before the department  
15 allocates any of the funds, it shall require the appropriate  
16 school district, area vocational-technical school or community  
17 college to document that:

18 (1) The courses to be provided with the equipment will  
19 provide students with occupational skills in demand in the  
20 labor market.

21 (2) The funds will be expended only for equipment.

22 (3) The funds shall not be used to supplant existing  
23 Federal, State and local funds used for equipment acquisition  
24 and upgrading by reporting the average annual expenditures  
25 for vocational-technical equipment for the fiscal years 1981-  
26 1982, 1982-1983 and 1983-1984, and by certifying that the  
27 average annual expenditures from funds other than those  
28 appropriated by this act for the fiscal years 1984-1985,  
29 1985-1986 and 1986-1987 equal or exceed the average annual  
30 expenditures for the fiscal years 1981-1982, 1982-1983 and

1 1983-1984.

2 (4) The funds will not be used as matching funds for any  
3 other State program.

4 (5) The equipment relates to the needs of the labor  
5 market.

6 Further, the department shall ~~not allocate any of the entitled~~ <—  
7 ~~funds until it receives~~ ALLOW 90 DAYS TO RECEIVE comments from <—  
8 the appropriate private industry council BEFORE ALLOCATING <—  
9 FUNDS.

10 (b) Private industry council review.--Documentation provided  
11 to the department pursuant to subsection (a) shall be provided  
12 by the school district, area vocational-technical school or  
13 community college to the private industry council in the  
14 geographical area in which the school district, area vocational-  
15 technical school or community college is located or serves. It  
16 shall be the responsibility of the private industry council to  
17 review the proposed acquisition or lease of new equipment or  
18 upgrading of existing equipment and submit to the department  
19 within 90 days from the date it receives the documentation its  
20 comments on the appropriateness of the proposed equipment plans  
21 in light of labor market needs and other existing or planned  
22 training programs.

23 Section 5. Grant formula.

24 (a) Formula for school districts and regional vocational-  
25 technical schools.--Each school district and area vocational-  
26 technical school shall receive a portion of the funds provided  
27 pursuant to section 3(b), which shall be determined by dividing  
28 the number of enrollments for the school district or area  
29 vocational-technical school by the Statewide enrollment and  
30 multiplying the result by the total amount provided in this act

1 pursuant to section 3(b). Enrollments shall be determined using  
2 the latest available data.

3 (b) Formula for community colleges.--Each community college  
4 shall receive a portion of the funds provided pursuant to  
5 section 3(c), which shall be determined by dividing the number  
6 of equivalent full-time students enrolled in the community  
7 colleges by the number of equivalent full-time students for all  
8 community colleges and multiplying the results by the total  
9 amount provided in this act pursuant to section 3(c). Equivalent  
10 full-time students shall be determined using latest available  
11 data.

#### 12 Section 6. Equipment sharing agreements.

13 In order to maximize the use of the equipment provided by  
14 funds appropriated in this act, the recipient may enter into  
15 agreements with other government-sponsored vocational training  
16 providers for the use of the equipment.

#### 17 Section 7. Indicators of program need and impact.

18 (a) Timely documentation.--The department shall require the  
19 school districts, area vocational-technical schools and  
20 community colleges to specify the extent to which the  
21 documentation provided pursuant to section 4 reflects the demand  
22 for labor market skills based upon analyses conducted within the  
23 last five years.

24 (b) Annual legislative report required.--By March 1 of each  
25 year, the department shall submit to the Chief Clerk of the  
26 House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate a  
27 report which shall include, but need not be limited to, a  
28 measure of the extent to which the comments of the private  
29 industry councils were taken into consideration, the amount and  
30 types of equipment funded by the labor market area, the number

1 of persons trained by the major vocational program area and the  
2 labor market area, the job placement rate of persons trained by  
3 the major vocational program area and the labor market area and  
4 the number of agreements entered into by recipients with other  
5 vocational training providers.

6 (c) Impact survey required.--Upon the termination of this  
7 act or July 1, 1987, whichever shall occur sooner, the  
8 department shall undertake a survey to update the report  
9 "Vocational Education Tool and Equipment Inventory" in order to  
10 inform the General Assembly of the impact which this act had on  
11 bringing the equipment used in vocational training programs  
12 closer to the technology used in industry.

13 Section 8. Duty to inform department.

14 All recipients of funds under this act shall be required to  
15 provide any and all information requested by the department for  
16 the purposes of this act.

17 Section 9. Appropriation.

18 The sum of \$27,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the  
19 Department of Education from the Pennsylvania Economic  
20 Revitalization Fund for the purposes of this program. THIS  
21 APPROPRIATION SHALL BE A CONTINUING APPROPRIATION AND SHALL NOT  
22 LAPSE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. Any funds from this  
23 appropriation remaining unexpended or unencumbered upon the  
24 termination of this act shall automatically lapse into the  
25 Pennsylvania Economic Revitalization Fund.

26 Section 10. Expiration.

27 This act shall expire on June 30, 1987.

28 Section 11. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect immediately.

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