

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 743

Session of
1985

INTRODUCED BY GALLAGHER AND HAYES, MARCH 26, 1985

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
MARCH 18, 1986

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 payments on
6 account of approved vocational extension classes and
7 preemployment training; and making an editorial change.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2507 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
12 amended August 14, 1963 (P.L.1121, No.477), is amended to read:

13 Section 2507. Payments on Accounts of Approved Vocational
14 Extension Classes and Pre-employment Training.--(a) Every
15 school district and every vocational school district, regardless
16 of classification, shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every
17 school year, on account of approved vocational extension classes
18 and pre-employment training, eighty per cent (80%) of the sum
19 which was expended by the district for the compensation of

1 vocational extension and pre-employment training teachers and
2 supervisors. For the purpose of computing reimbursement, the
3 maximum compensation shall be ~~four dollars (\$4.00)~~ ~~twelve~~ <—
4 ~~dollars (\$12.00)~~ per hour and the amount expended for
5 supervisory salaries shall not exceed twenty per cent (20%) of
6 the sum expended for teachers' salaries: Provided, That in
7 special cases when travel time or unusual preparation of
8 instructional materials or other factors result in an inadequate
9 compensation, the Department of [Public Instruction] Education
10 may approve additional reimbursable employment time for such
11 additional services upon the submission of adequate
12 substantiative evidence from the responsible superintendent of
13 schools.

14 ~~(b) For purposes of this section, reimbursement shall be~~ <—
15 ~~provided for instruction for persons sixteen (16) years of age~~
16 ~~or over who have left full time school. These classes shall be~~
17 ~~conducted in the evening or at hours when workers are able to~~
18 ~~attend and shall include either instruction that increases the~~
19 ~~skill or knowledge of the worker in the occupation in which he~~
20 ~~is employed or wishes to be employed or instruction for those~~
21 ~~who are unemployed or about to become unemployed because of~~
22 ~~changing conditions in industry.~~ NO NEW PROGRAM SHALL BE <—
23 ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION UNTIL THE
24 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OR HIS DESIGNEE HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUCH
25 PROGRAM DOES NOT DUPLICATE A PROGRAM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT
26 ANOTHER INSTITUTION WITHIN THE SAME OR ADJOINING COUNTY, OR IN
27 AN OTHERWISE REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE AREA, AT A COMPARABLE COST TO
28 THE STUDENT.

29 ~~(c)~~ (B) In cases where instruction is provided by an area <—
30 vocational-technical school, a reimbursement payable under this

1 section shall be made directly to the sponsoring area
2 vocational-technical school.

3 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ: <—

4 SECTION 2507.1 PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNTS OF VOCATIONAL
5 OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.--(A) EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
6 EVERY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, REGARDLESS OF CLASSIFICATION,
7 SHALL BE PAID BY THE COMMONWEALTH FOR EVERY SCHOOL YEAR, ON
8 ACCOUNT OF VOCATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS, EIGHTY PER
9 CENT (80%) OF THE SUM WHICH WAS EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE
10 COMPENSATION OF VOCATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM
11 TEACHERS AND SUPERVISORS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTING
12 REIMBURSEMENT, THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION SHALL BE TWELVE DOLLARS
13 (\$12.00) PER INSTRUCTIONAL HOUR AND THE AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR
14 SUPERVISORY SALARIES SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY PER CENT (20%) OF
15 THE SUM EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS' SALARIES: PROVIDED, THAT IN
16 SPECIAL CASES WHEN TRAVEL TIME OR UNUSUAL PREPARATION OF
17 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS OR OTHER FACTORS RESULT IN AN INADEQUATE
18 COMPENSATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY APPROVE ADDITIONAL
19 REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYMENT TIME FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL SERVICES UPON
20 THE SUBMISSION OF ADEQUATE SUBSTANTIATIVE EVIDENCE FROM THE
21 RESPONSIBLE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

22 (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE
23 PROVIDED FOR INSTRUCTION FOR PERSONS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN
24 SCHOOL. THESE PROGRAMS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE EVENING OR AT
25 HOURS WHEN WORKERS ARE ABLE TO ATTEND AND SHALL INCLUDE EITHER
26 INSTRUCTION THAT INCREASES THE SKILL OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORKERS
27 IN THE OCCUPATION IN WHICH THEY ARE EMPLOYED OR WISH TO BE
28 EMPLOYED OR INSTRUCTION FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED OR ABOUT TO
29 BECOME UNEMPLOYED BECAUSE OF CHANGING CONDITIONS IN INDUSTRY.

30 (C) IN CASES WHERE INSTRUCTION IS PROVIDED BY AN AREA

1 VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL, A REIMBURSEMENT PAYABLE UNDER THIS
2 SECTION SHALL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE SPONSORING AREA
3 VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

4 Section ~~2~~ 3. The sum of ~~\$600,000~~ \$300,000, or as much <—
5 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the
6 Department of Education for costs incurred in assisting area
7 vocational-technical ~~schools in becoming accredited by a~~ <—
8 ~~federally approved accrediting agency.~~ SCHOOLS TO FORM <—
9 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AS PROVIDED IN
10 SECTION 2507(B) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14),
11 KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

12 Section ~~3~~ 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1986. <—