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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 for a Commissioner for
6 Vocational Education and Occupational Training and the powers
7 and duties of that office; further providing for vocational
8 education and occupational training; and making an
9 appropriation.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

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

15 Section 1854. Commissioner for Vocational Education and
16 Occupational Training.--The position of Commissioner for
17 Vocational Education and Occupational Training is hereby
18 established within the Department of Education. The Secretary of
19 Education shall assign all bureaus, divisions, departments and
20 personnel working on secondary and postsecondary vocational and
21 occupational training within these offices to the office of the

commissioner. The commissioner shall:

(1) Be responsible for the management and coordination of all secondary and postsecondary vocational education and occupational training programs operated by a school entity. The term "school entity" shall include a school district, an area vocational-technical school, an intermediate unit, a technical institute and a community college. The Secretary of Education shall have the authority to assign all other job training and development programs within his jurisdiction to this office.

(2) Establish, within one year of the effective date of this section, a plan for providing credit for training in postsecondary school entities for training programs operated by secondary schools. The advanced placement shall include, but not be limited to, articulation agreements, a uniform Statewide system of credits for advanced standing in postsecondary programs based on competencies achieved at the secondary level, or other appropriate coordination mechanisms.

(3) Work with the State Board of Vocational Education and the Pennsylvania Vocational Education Advisory Committee in formulating policy, regulations, standards and the development of the Commonwealth's vocational education plan.

(4) Administer State and Federal vocational education funds.

(5) Assist school entities in the conduct and operation of vocational education and occupational training programs.

(6) Facilitate interagency coordination in matters of vocational education, occupational training, job training and economic development.

(7) Facilitate cooperation with business and industry to improve and expand educational and training opportunities.

(8) Inventory and analyze existing programs and

1 institutions.

2 (9) Survey and analyze demographic characteristics of the
3 Commonwealth, manpower needs and employment trends and their
4 relationship to existing business and industry.

5 (10) Insure that all degree-granting programs operated by
6 the appropriate school entity are in compliance with the laws of
7 the Commonwealth, the regulations and standards of the State
8 Board of Education and accrediting associations approved by the
9 State Board of Education.

10 (11) Develop proposals to expand secondary and postsecondary
11 activities into unserved areas.

12 (12) Fulfill other duties assigned to the office by the
13 Secretary of Education.

14 Section 1855. The Department of Education shall pay
15 subsidies and grants provided under this act for vocational
16 education and occupational training to the school district, area
17 vocational-technical school, intermediate unit, technical
18 institute or community college which provides the vocational
19 education or occupational training program.

20 Section 2. Sections 1908-A(c) and 1913-A(b) of the act,
21 added July 1, 1985 (P.L.103, No.31), are amended to read:

22 Section 1908-A. Tuition.--* * *

23 (c) A student who is a resident of the Commonwealth in an
24 area which is not a local sponsor of a community college and who
25 is enrolled in a community college in accordance with the
26 policies, standards, rules and regulations of the State Board of
27 Education shall pay a tuition charge fixed by the board of
28 trustees of the college attended. Such tuition shall total the
29 amount representing the difference between total operating cost
30 per equivalent full-time student and the amount payable by the

1 State on behalf of each equivalent full-time student enrolled,
2 except when the student is enrolled in a program where a
3 consortial or articulation agreement exists under section 1913-
4 A(b)(2)(ii)(C). Students enrolled in programs under section
5 1913-A(b)(2)(ii)(C) shall pay a tuition charge as specified
6 under subsection (a) of this section. The community college
7 enrolling such student shall be entitled to State reimbursement
8 as hereinafter provided.

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10 Section 1913-A. Financial Program; Reimbursement or
11 Payments.--* * *

12 (b) (1) The Commonwealth shall pay to a community college
13 on behalf of the sponsor on account of its operating costs
14 during the fiscal year from funds appropriated for that purpose
15 an amount equal to one-third of such college's approved
16 operating costs not to exceed two thousand four hundred dollars
17 (\$2,400) per student multiplied by the number of equivalent
18 full-time students determined by an audit to be made in a manner
19 prescribed by the State Board of Education.

20 (2) In addition, the Commonwealth shall pay to a community
21 college, on account of its operating costs for all equivalent
22 full-time students enrolled in the following categories of two-
23 year or less than two-year occupational or technical programs, a
24 stipend as follows:

25 (i) One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) per full-time
26 equivalent student enrolled in advanced technology programs.
27 Advanced technology programs are programs using new or advanced
28 technologies which hold promise for creating new job
29 opportunities, including such fields as robotics, biotechnology,
30 specialized materials and engineering and engineering-related

1 programs.

2 (ii) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) per full-time equivalent
3 student enrolled in programs designated as Statewide programs. A
4 Statewide program is a program which meets one or more of the
5 following criteria:

6 (A) Program enrollment from out-of-sponsor area is twenty
7 per cent or more of the enrollment for the program.

8 (B) A consortial arrangement exists with another community
9 college to cooperatively operate a program or share regions in
10 order to avoid unnecessary program duplication.

11 (C) A consortial or articulation agreement exists with a
12 community college, school district, intermediate unit, area
13 vocational-technical school or other educational agency approved
14 by the Department of Education to cooperatively operate a
15 program in areas outside of the geographical boundaries of the
16 local sponsor, but not within the same county.

17 (iii) Five hundred dollars (\$500) per full-time equivalent
18 student enrolled in other occupational or technical programs.

19 (3) The Secretary of Education annually shall establish
20 criteria to be used to determine eligibility of programs for
21 each of the above stipend categories, shall approve programs for
22 funding in the following fiscal year according to these criteria
23 and shall submit to chairmen of the committees of education in
24 the House of Representatives and Senate a report setting forth
25 the established criteria, any programs approved for funding
26 under these criteria and the recipient community colleges.

27 (4) Each community college shall maintain such accounting
28 and student attendance records on generally accepted principles
29 and standards as will lend themselves to satisfactory audit. The
30 Commonwealth shall pay to a community college on behalf of the

1 sponsor on account of its capital expenses an amount equal to
2 one-half of such college's annual capital expenses from funds
3 appropriated for that purpose to the extent that said capital
4 expenses have been approved as herein provided.

5 (5) For purposes of determining Commonwealth reimbursement
6 of operating costs, Federally funded expenditures for those
7 programs in which the Commonwealth participates in the cost
8 shall be deducted from total operating expenditures to determine
9 net reimbursable operating costs.

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11 Section 3. Section 2501(10.1) and (10.2) of the act, added
12 February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1642, No.580), are amended to read:

13 Section 2501. Definitions.--For the purposes of this article
14 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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16 (10.1) "Weighted Pupil" shall mean a value placed upon
17 district pupils in average daily membership at various levels of
18 instruction. Such values shall be as follows:

19 Kindergarten	0.50, if attending one
20	session per day;
21	1.00, if attending two
22	sessions per day.
23 Elementary	1.00
24 Secondary	1.36 <u>including adult vocational</u>
25	<u>education students</u>

26 (10.2) "Weighted Average Daily Membership" (WADM). The
27 average daily membership for all resident pupils in the various
28 levels of instruction shall be multiplied by the weight for that
29 level as indicated to obtain the weighted average daily
30 membership. The sum of the products so obtained shall be the

1 weighted average daily membership for the district. The weighted
2 average daily membership used in computing the aid ratio shall
3 include kindergarten, elementary and secondary pupils, and adult
4 students beyond the compulsory attendance age established by
5 this act enrolled in secondary vocational programs operated
6 during regular school hours.

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8 Section 4. Section 2502.8 of the act is amended by adding a
9 subsection to read:

10 Section 2502.8. Payments on Account of Pupils Enrolled in
11 Vocational Curriculum. --* * *

12 (c) Payments received under this section and section 2501
13 (10.1) and (10.2) relating to adult vocational education
14 students shall be used to reduce tuition charges by a
15 corresponding amount.

16 Section 5. Section 2507 of the act, amended July 10, 1986
17 (P.L.1270, No.117), is amended to read:

18 Section 2507. Payments on Account of Approved Vocational
19 Extension Classes and Pre-employment Training. --(a) Every
20 school district and every vocational school district and area
21 vocational-technical school, regardless of classification, shall
22 be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year, on account of
23 approved vocational extension classes and pre-employment
24 training, eighty per cent (80%) of the sum which was expended by
25 the district or area vocational-technical school for the
26 compensation of vocational extension and pre-employment training
27 teachers and supervisors. For the purpose of computing
28 reimbursement, the maximum compensation shall be four dollars
29 (\$4.00) per hour and the amount expended for supervisory
30 salaries shall not exceed twenty per cent (20%) of the sum

1 expended for teachers' salaries: Provided, That in special cases
2 when travel time or unusual preparation of instructional
3 materials or other factors result in an inadequate compensation,
4 the Department of Education may approve additional reimbursable
5 employment time for such additional services upon the submission
6 of adequate substantiative evidence from the responsible
7 superintendent of schools. For the 1985-1986 school year and
8 each school year thereafter, the Commonwealth shall pay the
9 amount required by this section to the school district or area
10 vocational-technical school which provided the approved
11 vocational extension classes and pre-employment training for
12 which reimbursement is made.

13 (b) No new program shall be eligible for reimbursement under
14 this section or section 2502.8(c) until the Commissioner for
15 Vocational Education has certified that such program does not
16 duplicate, at a comparable cost to the student, a program
17 currently available at another institution within the same
18 county.

19 Section 6. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

20 Section 2507.1. Payments on Account of Vocational
21 Occupational Training Programs.--(a) Every school district and
22 every vocational school district, regardless of classification,
23 shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year, on
24 account of vocational occupational training programs, eighty per
25 cent (80%) of the sum which was expended by the district for the
26 compensation of vocational occupational training program
27 teachers and supervisors. For the purpose of computing
28 reimbursement, the maximum compensation shall be twelve dollars
29 (\$12.00) per instructional hour, and the amount expended for
30 supervisory salaries shall not exceed twenty per cent (20%) of

1 the sum expended for teachers' salaries: Provided, That, in
2 special cases when travel time or unusual preparation of
3 instructional materials or other factors result in an inadequate
4 compensation, the Department of Education may approve additional
5 reimbursable employment time for such additional services upon
6 the submission of adequate substantiative evidence from the
7 responsible superintendent of schools.

8 (b) For purposes of this section, reimbursement shall be
9 provided for instruction for persons no longer enrolled in
10 school. These programs shall be conducted in the evening or at
11 hours when workers are able to attend and shall include either
12 instruction that increases the skill or knowledge of the workers
13 in the occupation in which they are employed or wish to be
14 employed or instruction for those who are unemployed or about to
15 become unemployed because of changing conditions in industry.

16 Section 7. The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be
17 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Education
18 to carry out the provisions of this act.

19 Section 8. This act shall take effect in 90 days.