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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
DECEMBER 16, 2003

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 FIREFIGHTER AND <—
6 EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING AS CREDITABLE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
7 AND FOR regulation of credit card marketing on a college or
8 university campus.

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

11 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
12 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an <—
13 ~~article~~ A SECTION to read: <—

14 SECTION 1550. FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING.-- <—

15 (A) FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING MAY BE ADDED TO
16 HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA AS CREDIT-EARNING COURSES.

17 (B) THE COURSES MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLY TO STUDENTS

18 SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND MAY INCLUDE:

1 (1) TRAINING AS A FIREFIGHTER I FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD OF
2 PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

3 (2) TRAINING AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UNDER THE ACT OF JULY 3, 1985 (P.L.164,
5 NO.45), KNOWN AS THE "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT."

6 (C) ANY PERSON WHO PROVIDES TRAINING UNDER THIS SECTION AND
7 WHO HAS DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS RECEIVING TRAINING SHALL BE
8 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 111.

9 (D) IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDS FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY
10 SERVICE TRAINING AS CREDIT-EARNING COURSES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
11 SHALL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND SUPERVISION FOR FIREFIGHTER AND
12 EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING THAT TAKES PLACE OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS.
13 SUPERVISION OF TRAINING SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS A COOPERATIVE
14 EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 22 PA.
15 CODE § 11.28 (RELATING TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS) OR ANY
16 REGULATION PROMULGATED SUBSEQUENTLY TO REPLACE THAT SECTION.

17 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING AN ARTICLE TO READ:

18 ARTICLE XXIII-A.

19 CREDIT CARD MARKETING.

20 Section 2301-A. Definitions.--For the purposes of this
21 article the following terms shall have the following meanings:

22 (1) "Board" shall mean the State Board of Education.

23 (2) "Campus" shall include the premises and grounds of an
24 institution of higher education.

25 (3) "Credit card debt education brochure LITERATURE" shall <—
26 mean the information developed by a college or university, by a
27 registered non-profit, CREDIT CARD MARKETER, or by other <—
28 sources, as identified and approved by the institution of higher <—
29 education that details the appropriate use, benefit and risk of
30 incurring debt through the use of credit cards.

1 (4) "Credit card marketer" shall include a person,
2 corporation, financial institution or business entity that
3 promotes, offers or accepts applications for a credit card.

4 (5) "Institution of higher education" means any of the
5 following:

6 (i) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

7 (ii) A university within the State System of Higher
8 Education.

9 (iii) The Pennsylvania State University.

10 (iv) The University of Pittsburgh.

11 (v) Temple University.

12 (vi) Lincoln University.

13 (vii) Any other institution that is designated as "State-
14 related" by the Commonwealth.

15 (viii) Any accredited private or independent college.

16 (6) "State Board of Education" shall mean the entity known
17 as the State Board of Education and placed within, and made a
18 departmental administrative board of, the Department of
19 Education under section 202 of the act of April 9, 1929
20 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929."

21 (7) "Student" shall mean a person who is at least eighteen
22 years of age and who attends an institution of higher education,
23 whether enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis.

24 Section 2302-A. Regulation of On-Campus Credit Card
25 Marketing.--The board shall require an institution of higher
26 education to establish a policy that regulates the marketing of
27 credit cards on campus. The policy may prohibit any marketing of
28 credit cards on the campus. In establishing the policy, the
29 institution of higher education shall consider all of the
30 following:

1 (1) Requiring registration of on-campus credit card
2 marketers.

3 (2) Limiting credit card marketers to specific areas of the
4 campus designated by the institution of higher education.

5 (3) Prohibiting credit card marketers from offering gifts to
6 a student in exchange for completing a credit card application
7 unless the student has been provided a credit card debt <—
8 education brochure. LITERATURE, WHICH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT <—
9 LIMITED TO, BROCHURES OF OTHER WRITTEN, ELECTRONIC OR VERBAL <—
10 WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC INFORMATION. <—

11 (4) Providing, at least quarterly, a credit card debt <—
12 education brochure LITERATURE with campus bookstore purchases. <—

13 (5) Incorporating into orientation programming a credit card
14 debt education presentation.

15 Section 2303-A. Construction.--Nothing in this article shall
16 be construed to impose civil or criminal liability on an
17 institution of higher education for any claim involving student
18 credit card debt.

19 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <—