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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 19, 2019

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," in preliminary provisions, providing
6 for career information and recruitment.

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

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

12 Section 128. Career Information and Recruitment.--(a)
13 Subject to subsection (c), a school entity shall offer
14 representatives of skilled trades, PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITY <--
15 OCCUPATIONS, area vocational-technical schools, community
16 colleges operating under Article XIX-A, AND institutions of <--
17 higher education, business, industry, charitable institutions <--

1 ~~and other employers with equal access to~~ THE OPPORTUNITY TO

2 participate in the following:

3 (1) Delivery of information regarding employment, employment
4 training or education opportunities to students enrolled in the
5 school entity.

6 (2) Recruitment of students enrolled in the school entity.

7 (b) Each school entity receiving assistance under the Every
8 Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802) shall
9 provide military recruiters the same access to students as
10 provided under subsection (a).

11 (c) A school entity shall:

12 (1) Provide each of the representatives under subsections
13 (a) and (b) with the following:

14 (i) Equal access to the school entity's employment,
15 placement or guidance services.

16 (ii) At least one opportunity during the school year to
17 provide age-appropriate information to all students in grades
18 four through twelve regarding educational opportunities,
19 employment training or career opportunities, individually or in
20 a group setting, through making a presentation at a school
21 assembly, hosting students for a visit to an area vocational-
22 technical school, community college, institution of higher
23 education or place of employment or any other method of speaking
24 directly to students.

25 (2) Document annually the following in the plan developed
26 under 22 Pa. Code § 339.31 (relating to plan):

27 (i) The school entity's compliance with this section for the
28 immediately preceding school year.

29 (ii) The school entity's plan to provide students with
30 access to informational materials and career presenters as

1 required under this section in the following school year.

2 (3) Post the plan on the school entity's publicly accessible
3 Internet website.

4 (d) A school entity may not discourage students from
5 pursuing any educational or career path and shall ensure that
6 each student enrolled in the school entity has access to the
7 information and activities required to be provided under this
8 section.

9 (e) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the
10 Department of Labor and Industry, shall develop standard
11 informational materials which include, but are not limited to, a
12 summary of regional workforce needs PRODUCED BIENNIALY BY THE <--
13 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, career cluster occupations,
14 high priority PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITY occupations, training <--
15 opportunities and future earning potential. The materials shall
16 be reviewed and updated annually. Each school entity shall
17 ensure ~~such materials are distributed to~~ THAT all students in <--
18 grades four through twelve ARE PROVIDED ACCESS TO THE MATERIALS <--
19 during the school year and are also made available at any
20 scheduled educational or career fair.

21 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
22 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
23 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Institution of higher education." An accredited entity
25 which is any of the following:

26 (1) A university within the State System of Higher Education
27 UNDER ARTICLE XX-A. <--

28 (2) The Pennsylvania State University, the University of
29 Pittsburgh, Temple University, Lincoln University or any other
30 institution designated as State-related by the Commonwealth.

1 (3) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

2 (4) A college established under Article XIX-G.

3 (5) An institution of higher education located in and
4 incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to
5 confer degrees as specified in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to
6 power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards
7 and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education
8 under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges,
9 universities and seminaries).

10 (6) A private school licensed under the act of December 15,
11 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools
12 Act.

13 (7) A foreign corporation approved to operate an educational
14 enterprise under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 36 (relating to foreign
15 corporation standards).

16 "PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITY OCCUPATION." A PROFESSION
17 THAT: <--

18 (1) IS HIGH-WAGE AND HIGH-SKILL FOR WHICH THERE IS EXCESS
19 EMPLOYER DEMAND AS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
20 AND INDUSTRY'S CURRENT YEAR'S HIGH-PRIORITY OR IN-DEMAND
21 OCCUPATIONS LIST OR THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S
22 WORKFORCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

23 (2) REQUIRES A CREDENTIAL, CERTIFICATION, LICENSING,
24 POSTSECONDARY TRAINING, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, BACHELOR'S DEGREE,
25 MASTER'S DEGREE OR DOCTORAL OR FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE.

26 "School entity." An area vocational-technical school, school
27 district, intermediate unit, cyber charter school, charter
28 school or regional charter school.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.