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SENATOR LANGERHOLC, EDUCATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
JUNE 11, 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 ~~(e)~~ (D), 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 the opportunity to participate in the

1 following:

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

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

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

10 (C) REPRESENTATIVES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) MUST BE COMPLIANT <--
11 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER 23 PA.C.S. § 6344.2 (RELATING TO
12 VOLUNTEERS HAVING CONTACT WITH CHILDREN) AND SHALL GIVE NO LESS
13 THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS' NOTICE WHEN REQUESTING ACCESS FROM A
14 SCHOOL ENTITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1) OR (2).

15 ~~(c) (D) A school entity shall:~~ <--

16 ~~(1) Provide each of the representatives under subsections~~ <--
17 ~~(a) and (b) with the following:~~

18 ~~(i) Equal access to the school entity's employment,~~
19 ~~placement or guidance services.~~

20 ~~(ii) At OFFER EACH OF THE REPRESENTATIVES UNDER SUBSECTIONS~~ <--

21 ~~(A) AND (B) AT least one opportunity during the school year to~~
22 ~~provide age-appropriate information to all students in grades~~
23 ~~four through twelve regarding educational opportunities,~~
24 ~~employment training or career opportunities, individually or in~~
25 ~~a group setting, through making a presentation at a school~~
26 ~~assembly, hosting students for a visit to an area vocational-~~
27 ~~technical school, community college, institution of higher~~
28 ~~education or place of employment or any other method of speaking~~
29 ~~directly to students.~~

30 (2) Document annually the following in the plan developed

1 under 22 Pa. Code § 339.31 (relating to plan):

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

4 (ii) The school entity's plan to provide students with
5 access to informational materials and career presenters as
6 required under this section in the following school year.

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

9 ~~(d)~~ (E) A school entity may not discourage students from <--
10 pursuing any educational or career path and shall ensure that
11 each student enrolled in the school entity has access to the
12 information and activities required to be provided under this
13 section.

14 ~~(e)~~ (F) The Department of Education, in collaboration with <--
15 the Department of Labor and Industry, shall develop standard THE <--
16 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, SHALL DEVELOP:

17 (1) STANDARD informational materials which include, but are
18 not limited to, a summary of regional workforce needs produced
19 biennially by the Department of Labor and Industry, career
20 cluster occupations, publicly identified priority occupations,
21 training opportunities and future earning potential. The
22 materials shall be reviewed and updated annually. Each school
23 entity shall ensure that all students in grades four through
24 twelve are provided access to the materials during the school
25 year and THE MATERIALS are also made available at any scheduled <--
26 educational or career fair. OR ACTIVITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OR <--
27 (D).

28 (2) GUIDELINES TO ASSIST SCHOOL ENTITIES IN THE
29 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

30 ~~(f)~~ (G) As used in this section, the following words and <--

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

3 "Institution of higher education." An accredited entity
4 which is any of the following:

5 (1) A university within the State System of Higher Education
6 under Article XX-A.

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

10 (3) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

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

12 (5) An institution of higher education located in and
13 incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to
14 confer degrees as specified in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to
15 power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards
16 and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education
17 under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges,
18 universities and seminaries).

19 (6) A private school licensed under the act of December 15,
20 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools
21 Act.

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

25 "Publicly identified priority occupation." A profession
26 that:

27 (1) Is high-wage and high-skill for which there is excess
28 employer demand as may be included in the Department of Labor
29 and Industry's current year's high-priority or in-demand
30 occupations list or the State System of Higher Education's

1 workforce needs assessment.

2 (2) Requires a credential, certification, licensing,
3 postsecondary training, associate's degree, bachelor's degree,
4 master's degree or doctoral or first professional degree.

5 "School entity." An area vocational-technical school, school
6 district, intermediate unit, cyber charter school, charter
7 school or regional charter school.

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