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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 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 terms and courses of study,
6 further providing for Commission for Agricultural Education
7 Excellence; in vocational education, providing for
8 utilization of credits; and providing for classification of
9 program code.

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

12 Section 1. Section 1549.1(1) of the act of March 10, 1949
13 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
14 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

15 Section 1549.1. Commission for Agricultural Education
16 Excellence.--* * *

17 (1) The commission shall have all the following powers and
18 duties:

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20 ~~(6) Recommend guidelines and review the Department of~~

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1 ~~Education guidelines every five years to identify the~~
2 ~~circumstances when a student who successfully completes an~~
3 ~~academic course, program or activity for credit may apply the~~
4 ~~credit toward completion of an agriculture education program.~~

5 (6) IN CONSULTATION WITH AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE <--
6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEVELOP GUIDELINES TO IDENTIFY THE
7 CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A STUDENT WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES AN
8 ACADEMIC COURSE, PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY FOR CREDIT MAY APPLY THE
9 CREDIT TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
10 PROGRAM. THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE
11 POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
12 INTERNET WEBSITE WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF APPROVAL. THE DEPARTMENT
13 OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW THE GUIDELINES AT LEAST EVERY FIVE
14 YEARS. ANY PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE GUIDELINES SHALL BE DEVELOPED
15 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION.

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17 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

18 Section 1856. Utilization of Credits.--The Department of
19 Education shall issue guidelines and update the guidelines every
20 five years to identify the circumstances when a student who
21 successfully completes a course, program or activity in science,
22 technology, engineering or mathematics for credit may apply the
23 credit toward the completion of a course, program or activity
24 offered by any area vocational-technical school, technical
25 institute or vocational school or department.

26 Section 3. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

27 ARTICLE XIX-H
28 CLASSIFICATION OF PROGRAM CODE

29 Section 1901-H. Definitions.

30 The following words and phrases when used in this article

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

3 "Classification of program code." A numerical coding of
4 instructional programs developed by the United States Department
5 of Education used to identify vocational programs.

6 "Department." The Department of Education of the
7 Commonwealth.

8 "Public school entity." A school district, charter school,
9 regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit
10 or area vocational-technical school.

11 Section 1902-H. Establishment or renewal of classification of
12 program code.

13 The department shall establish a standard application form
14 for a public school entity seeking approval to establish or
15 renew a classification of program code. The form shall be
16 published on the department's publicly accessible Internet
17 website. The form shall require the following information:

18 (1) The name of the public school entity seeking
19 approval to establish or renew a classification of program
20 code.

21 (2) The title of the classification of program code.

22 (3) The occupational competency area of the
23 classification of program code.

24 (4) A description of the classification of program code.

25 (5) A list of skills that a student must attain in order
26 to complete the classification of program code.

27 (6) Evidence of financial support for the classification
28 of program code from the public school entity.

29 (7) Any additional information that the department deems
30 necessary to determine whether to approve or disapprove of

1 the classification of program code.

2 Section 1903-H. Submission of applications.

3 No later than January 31 of each year, a public school entity
4 may submit the application under section 1902-H to the
5 department for approval or disapproval of a classification of
6 program code.

7 Section 1904-H. Notice of approval or denial of applications.

8 (a) Notice.--No later than May 31 of the year the department
9 receives an application under section 1902-H, the department
10 shall notify a public school entity which submitted the
11 application whether the department approved or denied the
12 application.

13 (b) Posting.--No later than June 15 of the year the
14 department approved the application under subsection (a), the
15 department shall post the classification of program code on its
16 publicly accessible Internet website.

17 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.