

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 393 Session of 2019

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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 vocational education, providing
6 for an PASMART online career resource center. <--

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 1842.1. PASMART Online Career Resource Center.--(a) <--
13 The Department of Education shall establish, in consultation <--
14 with the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of
15 Agriculture, a central online clearinghouse, no later than the
16 commencement of the 2021-2022 school year, which AND THE <--
17 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SHALL ESTABLISH A CENTRAL ONLINE

1 CLEARINGHOUSE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE  
2 INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
3 INDUSTRY. THE WEBSITE, WHICH SHALL BE AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN  
4 THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, shall at a  
5 minimum include an online database of the following:  
6 (1) Postsecondary pathways and options.  
7 (2) Career and technical education and workforce  
8 opportunities.  
9 (3) Career pathways.  
10 (4) Data and statistics on employment opportunities and  
11 compensation.  
12 (5) Statewide and regional articulation agreements.  
13 (6) Other relevant career resources.  
14 (b) The online database shall be easily accessible by  
15 students, parents, educators, school officials and the ~~general~~ <--  
16 public. ~~The Department of Education~~ PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES <--  
17 may utilize existing resources or clearinghouses available from  
18 other agencies to compile the clearinghouse information.  
19 (c) ~~The Department of Education~~ PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES <--  
20 shall explore the possibility of Federal or private funding to  
21 support the clearinghouse.  
22 (d) ~~The Department of Education, at least annually, shall~~ <--  
23 update the online database. THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND <--  
24 INDUSTRY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND  
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SHALL ENSURE THAT THE  
26 CLEARINGHOUSE IS UPDATED ANNUALLY.  
27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.