

**ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL ACT CONCERNING TRAINING OF MANPOWER TO MEET
NATIONAL DEFENSE NEEDS**

Act of Sep. 29, 1959, P.L. 995, No. 409

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AN ACT

Providing for the acceptance by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the provisions of the act of Congress, approved September 2, 1958, concerning assistance to states and subdivisions thereof for the training of manpower of sufficient quality and quantity to meet our national defense needs; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the State Treasurer, the State Board of Education and the State Board for Vocational Education. (Title amended Aug. 13, 1963, P.L.694, No.369)

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

Section 1. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby accepts the provisions and the funds provided in an act of Congress, approved September second, one thousand nine hundred fifty-eight, which authorized Federal appropriations to provide assistance to states and their subdivisions in order to insure trained manpower of sufficient quality and quantity to meet the national defense needs of the United States.

Section 2. The provisions of said act of Congress and the funds provided therein are accepted for the following purposes:

(1) Strengthening of Instruction in Science, Mathematics and Modern Foreign Languages--Acquisition of laboratory and other special equipment, including audiovisual materials and equipment and printed materials other than textbooks suitable for use in providing education in science, mathematics or modern foreign language in public elementary or secondary schools, or both, and such minor remodeling of laboratory or other space used for such materials or equipment as is necessary; establishment and maintenance of in-service education programs and consultative services, both in the field and through office calls and correspondence for science, mathematics and modern foreign language teachers; provide leadership in the development, distribution and use of modern courses of study and other teaching materials required for improvement of instruction in science, mathematics and modern foreign languages. Federal funds shall be matched by State or local funds, or both, for the establishment and maintenance of programs of administration, consultative services, travel, salaries, personnel and office equipment.

(2) Guidance Counseling and Testing--To provide for the establishment, maintenance and improvement of programs of guidance counseling and testing in the public schools, Federal funds will be matched with State or local funds, or both, to identify the ability, aptitudes and skills of students, to advise students and parents of courses of study best suited to their ability, aptitudes and skills and to encourage students to

make the best possible use of their ability, aptitudes and skills through the formation and achievement of realistic, educational and vocational goals.

(3) Research and Experimentation in Mass Media for Educational Purposes--Research and experimentation in the development and evaluation of projects involving television, radio, motion pictures and related media of communication, including (i) development of new and more effective techniques and methods for utilizing mass media, (ii) training teachers to utilize such media, and (iii) presenting academic subject matter through such media.

(4) Area Vocational Education Programs--Establishment, maintenance and improvement of area vocational education programs, approved by the State Board for Vocational Education, for the training of individuals to fit them for useful employment as highly skilled technicians in recognized occupations requiring scientific knowledge in fields necessary to the national defense. Federal funds shall be matched by State or local funds, or both, for the maintenance of adequate programs of administration, supervision and teacher-training, salaries and necessary travel expenses of State or local school personnel, including teachers, coordinators, supervisors, vocational guidance counselors, teacher-trainers, directors, administrators and others, travel expenses of members of advisory committees or State boards, purchase, rental or other acquisition and maintenance and repair of instructional equipment, purchase of instructional supplies and teaching aids, necessary costs of transportation of students, securing necessary educational information and data as a basis for the proper development of area vocational education programs and programs of vocational guidance, training and work-experience training programs for out-of-school youths, related instruction for apprentices, and determining the need for and planning and developing area vocational education programs.

(5) Improvement of Statistical Services of State Educational Agencies--The improvement and strengthening of (i) the adequacy and reliability of educational statistics provided by State and local reports and records, and (ii) the methods and techniques for collecting and processing educational data and disseminating information and statistics. Grants for this purpose shall be equal to one-half of the cost except that the Federal Government's portion may not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for any fiscal year. The services to be carried out include (i) improving the collection, analysis and reporting of statistical data supplied by local educational units, (ii) the development of accounting and reporting manuals to serve as guides for local educational units, (iii) the conduct of conferences and training for personnel of local educational units and of periodic reviews and evaluation of the program for records and reports, (iv) improving methods for obtaining from other State agencies within the State educational data not collected by the State educational agency, or (v) expediting the processing and reporting of statistical data through installation and operation of mechanical equipment.

The State Treasurer is hereby designated as custodian of the

Federal appropriations and shall receive money paid to the State from the United States Treasury under the provisions of said act of Congress, and shall pay out the same upon the warrant of the Auditor General of the State when the same is certified by the State Board of Education or the State Board for Vocational Education or the designated official representatives. (Par. amended Aug. 13, 1963, P.L.694, No.369)

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.