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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
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## 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; in terms and courses  
7 of study, further providing for Commission for Agricultural  
8 Education Excellence; in vocational education, further  
9 providing for ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROVIDING FOR ~~PASmart-~~  
10 ~~ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE CENTER AND FOR~~ A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
11 PROGRAM CLEARINGHOUSE and for PAsmart online career resource  
12 center, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR career and technical education  
13 equipment grants and providing for utilization of credits;  
14 ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOLS-TO-WORK PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FOR  
15 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY;  
16 providing for classification of program code; ~~and,~~ in  
17 transfers of credits between institutions of higher  
18 education, further providing for definitions, for duties of  
19 public institutions of higher education and State-related  
20 institutions, for Transfer and Articulation Oversight  
21 Committee and for duties of department-; ~~and providing for-~~  
22 ~~references to "area vocational technical school" in statute-~~  
23 ~~or regulation.~~ replacing references to "vocational-technical"  
24 with "career and technical," replacing references to  
25 "vocational" with "career and technical" and replacing  
26 references to "vocation" with "career and technical";  
27 deleting references to vocational school districts; and  
28 renaming the State Board for Vocational Education as the  
29 State Board of Career and Technical Education.



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

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

6 Section 1. Sections 111(a.1) introductory paragraph, (1),  
7 (2) and (3), (b), (e) introductory paragraph, (f.2) and (j) (1)  
8 and (2) and 111.1(n) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
9 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, are amended to  
10 read:

11 Section 111. Criminal History of Employes and Prospective  
12 Employes; Conviction of Certain Offenses.--

13 (a.1) Beginning April 1, 2007, this section shall apply to  
14 all current and prospective employes of public and private  
15 schools, intermediate units and area [vocational-technical]  
16 career and technical schools, including, but not limited to,  
17 teachers, substitutes, janitors, cafeteria workers, independent  
18 contractors and their employes, except those employes and  
19 independent contractors and their employes who have no direct  
20 contact with children.

21 (1) Beginning April 1, 2007, this section shall apply to bus  
22 drivers employed or offered employment by a school district,  
23 private school, nonpublic school, intermediate unit or area  
24 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or by an  
25 independent contractor.

26 (2) Beginning April 1, 2007, this section shall apply to  
27 student teachers and student teacher candidates assigned to all  
28 public and private schools, intermediate units and area  
29 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools.

30 (3) For purposes of this section, "student teacher" or



1 "student teacher candidate" shall mean an individual  
2 participating in a classroom teaching, internship, clinical or  
3 field experience who, as part of a program for the initial or  
4 advanced preparation of professional educators, performs  
5 classroom teaching or assists in the education program in a  
6 public or private school, intermediate unit or area [vocational-  
7 technical] career and technical school under the supervision of  
8 educator preparation program faculty.

9 \* \* \*

10 (b) Administrators of public and private schools,  
11 intermediate units and area [vocational-technical] career and  
12 technical schools shall require prospective employes to submit  
13 with their employment application, pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91  
14 (relating to criminal history record information), a report of  
15 criminal history record information from the Pennsylvania State  
16 Police or a statement from the Pennsylvania State Police that  
17 the State Police central repository contains no such information  
18 relating to that person. Such report of criminal history record  
19 information shall be no more than five (5) years old. An  
20 applicant may submit a copy of the required information with the  
21 application for employment. Administrators shall maintain a copy  
22 of the required information. Administrators shall require  
23 contractors to produce a report of criminal history record  
24 information for each prospective employe of such contractor  
25 prior to employment. A copy of the report of criminal history  
26 record information from the Pennsylvania State Police shall be  
27 made available to the applicant in a manner prescribed by the  
28 Department of Education.

29 \* \* \*

30 (e) No person subject to this act shall be employed or



1 remain employed in a public or private school, intermediate unit  
2 or area [vocational-technical] career and technical school where  
3 a report of criminal history record information or a form  
4 submitted by an employe under subsection (j) indicates the  
5 person has been convicted of any of the following offenses:

6 \* \* \*

7 (f.2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
8 interfere with the ability of a public or private school,  
9 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and  
10 technical school to make employment, discipline or termination  
11 decisions, provided that this subsection shall not be construed  
12 to conflict with subsection (e), (f.1) or (j) (6).

13 \* \* \*

14 (j) (1) The department shall develop a standardized form to  
15 be used by current and prospective employes of public and  
16 private schools, intermediate units and area [vocational-  
17 technical] career and technical schools for the written  
18 reporting by current and prospective employes of any arrest or  
19 conviction for an offense enumerated under subsections (e) and  
20 (f.1). The form shall provide a space in which a current or  
21 prospective employe who has not been convicted of or arrested  
22 for any such offense will respond "no conviction" and "no  
23 arrest." The form also shall provide that failure to accurately  
24 report any arrest or conviction for an offense enumerated under  
25 subsection (e) or (f.1) shall subject the current or prospective  
26 employe to criminal prosecution under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904  
27 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). The  
28 department shall publish the form on its publicly accessible  
29 Internet website and in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

30 (2) All current and prospective employes of a public or



1 private school, intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical]  
2 career and technical school shall complete the form described in  
3 clause (1), indicating whether or not they have been arrested  
4 for or convicted of an offense enumerated under subsections (e)  
5 and (f.1), provided that any current employe who completed the  
6 form on or before December 27, 2011, in compliance with clauses  
7 (1) and (2) on that date and who has not been arrested for or  
8 convicted of an offense enumerated under subsections (e) and  
9 (f.1) shall not be required to complete an additional form under  
10 this subsection.

11 \* \* \*

12 Section 111.1. Employment History Review.--\* \* \*

13 (n) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

15 "Abuse." Conduct that falls under the purview and reporting  
16 requirements of 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 and is directed toward or  
17 against a child or a student, regardless of the age of the child  
18 or student.

19 "Direct contact with children." The possibility of care,  
20 supervision, guidance or control of children or routine  
21 interaction with children.

22 "School entity." Any public school, including a charter  
23 school or cyber charter school, private school, nonpublic  
24 school, intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career  
25 and technical school operating within this Commonwealth.

26 "Sexual misconduct." Any act, including, but not limited to,  
27 any verbal, nonverbal, written or electronic communication or  
28 physical activity, directed toward or with a child or a student  
29 regardless of the age of the child or student that is designed  
30 to establish a romantic or sexual relationship with the child or



1 student. Such acts include, but are not limited to:

2 (1) Sexual or romantic invitation.

3 (2) Dating or soliciting dates.

4 (3) Engaging in sexualized or romantic dialog.

5 (4) Making sexually suggestive comments.

6 (5) Self-disclosure or physical exposure of a sexual,  
7 romantic or erotic nature.

8 (6) Any sexual, indecent, romantic or erotic contact with  
9 the child or student.

10 Section 2. Section 121(b)(2)(iii), (c)(2) and (d) of the  
11 act, amended October 24, 2018 (P.L.1146, No.158), are amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 121. Keystone Exams and Graduation Requirements.--\*

14 \* \*

15 (b) The following shall apply:

16 \* \* \*

17 (2) The Department of Education shall investigate and  
18 develop alternatives in addition to the use of the Keystone  
19 Exams as a requirement for graduation and shall, within six (6)  
20 months of the effective date of this paragraph, issue a report  
21 of the Department of Education's findings and recommendations,  
22 including proposed legislation, to the chairman and minority  
23 chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and the  
24 chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the  
25 House of Representatives. The report shall, at a minimum,  
26 contain a detailed plan and timeline within which the Department  
27 of Education shall accomplish all of the following:

28 \* \* \*

29 (iii) Ensure that no student is prohibited from  
30 participation in [vocational-technical] career and technical



1 education or elective courses or programs as a result of  
2 supplemental instruction required in 22 Pa. Code §§ 4.24(k) and  
3 4.51b(f) (relating to Keystone Exams).

4 (c) Notwithstanding section 2604-B(b)(2)(v), 22 Pa. Code §  
5 4.24 or 4.51 or any statute or regulation to the contrary, in  
6 any school year in which a demonstration of proficiency on a  
7 Keystone Exam is required for high school graduation, a CTE  
8 Concentrator shall be deemed proficient provided that the CTE  
9 Concentrator shall meet all of the following requirements:

10 \* \* \*

11 (2) completes one of the following:

12 (i) attains an industry-based competency certification  
13 related to the CTE Concentrator's program of study; or

14 (ii) demonstrates a high likelihood of success on an  
15 approved industry-based competency assessment or readiness for  
16 continued meaningful engagement in the CTE Concentrator's  
17 program of study as demonstrated by performance on benchmark  
18 assessments, course grades and other factors consistent with the  
19 CTE Concentrator's goals and career plan and determined for the  
20 CTE Concentrator by a chief school administrator in consultation  
21 with an area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
22 director or principal of a comprehensive high school. The  
23 determination shall be made no later than the end of eleventh  
24 grade, or, for a student enrolled in a one-year program, the end  
25 of the first semester of twelfth grade.

26 \* \* \*

27 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
28 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
29 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 "Accredited four-year nonprofit institution of higher



1 education." Any of the following:

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

4 (2) A State-related institution as defined in section 1502-  
5 A.

6 (3) Any accredited nonprofit public, private or independent  
7 college or university that confers four-year baccalaureate  
8 degrees.

9 "Accredited nonprofit institution of higher education." Any  
10 of the following:

11 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

12 (2) An accredited four-year nonprofit institution of higher  
13 education.

14 (3) Any accredited nonprofit public, private or independent  
15 college or university.

16 (4) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

17 "ACT." A standardized test for the assessment of college  
18 readiness administered by ACT.

19 "ACT WorkKeys assessment." An assessment of workplace skills  
20 administered by ACT.

21 "Advanced Placement Program." A program authorized by the  
22 college board that allows a student to study college-level  
23 subjects while enrolled in high school and to receive advanced  
24 placement and college credit for earning a qualified score on  
25 the course-related Advanced Placement exam.

26 "Approved alternative assessment." A SAT, PSAT, ACT or Armed  
27 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test.

28 "Approved industry-based competency assessment." A NOCTI  
29 exam, NIMS assessment or other industry-based competency  
30 assessment identified by the Secretary of Education and approved





1 by the State Board of Education or identified by an act of the  
2 General Assembly.

3 "Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test." The  
4 aptitude test developed and maintained by the United States  
5 Department of Defense.

6 "Chief school administrator." The superintendent of a school  
7 district, executive director of an intermediate unit,  
8 administrative director of an area [vocational-technical] career  
9 and technical school or chief executive officer of a charter  
10 school, cyber charter school, regional charter school or  
11 multiple charter school organization.

12 "Concurrent enrollment course." A course in which a  
13 secondary student is enrolled and, upon successful completion of  
14 which both high school and postsecondary credit are earned.

15 "Cooperative education program." A program of instruction  
16 whereby students alternate or coordinate their high school  
17 studies with a job in a field related to their academic or  
18 career objectives.

19 "CTE Concentrator." A student who, by the end of a reporting  
20 year, will be reported as successfully completing at least fifty  
21 percent (50%) of the minimum technical instructional hours  
22 required under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 339 (relating to vocational  
23 education).

24 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
25 Commonwealth.

26 "Established score." A score recommended by the secretary  
27 and approved by the State Board of Education.

28 "GPA." Grade point average.

29 "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program." An  
30 academically challenging two-year precollege diploma program



1 comprised of three core requirements and six academic subject  
2 areas with final examinations that prepare students sixteen (16)  
3 to nineteen (19) years of age for higher education and life in a  
4 global society.

5 "NIMS assessment." An assessment based on the National  
6 Institute for Metalworking Skills standards.

7 "NOCTI exam." A National Occupational Competency Testing  
8 Institute exam.

9 "Postsecondary course." A course in which a secondary  
10 student is enrolled and, upon successful completion,  
11 postsecondary credit is earned.

12 "Preapprenticeship program." An apprenticeship program  
13 registered with the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training  
14 Council.

15 "SAT." A standardized test for the assessment of college  
16 readiness administered by the College Board.

17 "SAT Subject Test." A standardized test for the assessment  
18 of a specific content area administered by the College Board.

19 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area  
20 [vocational-technical] career and technical school, charter  
21 school, cyber charter school, regional charter school or  
22 multiple charter school organization.

23 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.

24 Section 3. Section 126(a)(1)(v) and (vi) of the act are  
25 amended to read:

26 Section 126. Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan Review.--  
27 (a) State plan submissions shall be developed by the department  
28 under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
29 of 1965 (Public Law 89-110, 20 U.S.C. § 6311), as amended by the  
30 Every Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802),



1 and submitted to the General Assembly as follows:

2 (1) The department shall develop State plan submissions with  
3 timely and meaningful consultation with the chair and minority  
4 chair of the Education Committee of the Senate and the chair and  
5 minority chair of the Education Committee of the House of  
6 Representatives, with opportunity for input into the State plan  
7 submission's formation. Consultation shall occur with regard to  
8 the initiatives that are newly created or that retain or modify  
9 existing law or regulation with regard to the following:

10 \* \* \*

11 (v) [Vocational and career] Career and technical education  
12 academic assessments, pathways and standards.

13 (vi) Comparability and fairness in assessments of school  
14 districts, intermediate units, area [vocational-technical]  
15 career and technical schools, charter schools and cyber charter  
16 schools.

17 \* \* \*

18 Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

19 Section 128. Career Information and Recruitment.--(a)  
20 Subject to subsection (d), a school entity shall offer  
21 representatives of skilled trades, publicly identified priority  
22 occupations, area career and technical schools, community  
23 colleges operating under Article XIX-A and institutions of  
24 higher education the opportunity to participate in the  
25 following:

26 (1) Delivery of information regarding employment, employment  
27 training or education opportunities to students enrolled in the  
28 school entity.

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

30 (b) Each school entity receiving assistance under the Every



1 Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95, 129 Stat. 1802) shall  
2 provide military recruiters the same access to students as  
3 provided under subsection (a).

4 (c) Representatives under subsection (a) must be compliant  
5 with the requirements under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344.2 (relating to  
6 volunteers having contact with children) and shall give no less  
7 than thirty (30) days' notice when requesting access from a  
8 school entity under subsection (a)(1) or (2).

9 (d) A school entity shall:

10 (1) Offer each of the representatives under subsections (a)  
11 and (b) at least one opportunity during the school year to  
12 provide age-appropriate information to all students in grades  
13 four through twelve regarding educational opportunities,  
14 employment training or career opportunities, individually or in  
15 a group setting, through making a presentation at a school  
16 assembly, hosting students for a visit to an area career and  
17 technical school, community college, institution of higher  
18 education or place of employment or any other method of speaking  
19 directly to students.

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

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

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

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

29 (e) A school entity may not discourage students from  
30 pursuing any educational or career path and shall ensure that



1 each student enrolled in the school entity has access to the  
2 information and activities required to be provided under this  
3 section.

4 (f) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the  
5 Department of Labor and Industry, shall develop:

6 (1) Standard informational materials which include, but are  
7 not limited to, a summary of regional workforce needs produced  
8 biennially by the Department of Labor and Industry, career  
9 cluster occupations, publicly identified priority occupations,  
10 training opportunities and future earning potential. The  
11 materials shall be reviewed and updated annually. Each school  
12 entity shall ensure that all students in grades four through  
13 twelve are provided access to the materials during the school  
14 year and the materials are also made available at any scheduled  
15 educational or career fair or activity under subsection (a) or  
16 (d).

17 (2) Guidelines to assist school entities in the  
18 implementation of this section.

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

22 "Institution of higher education." An accredited entity  
23 which is any of the following:

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

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

29 (3) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

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



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

8 (6) A private school licensed under the act of December 15,  
9 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the "Private Licensed Schools  
10 Act."

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

14 "Publicly identified priority occupation." A profession  
15 that:

16 (1) Is high-wage and high-skill for which there is excess  
17 employer demand as may be included in the Department of Labor  
18 and Industry's current year's high-priority or in-demand  
19 occupations list or the State System of Higher Education's  
20 workforce needs assessment.

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

24 "School entity." An area career and technical school, school  
25 district, intermediate unit, cyber charter school, charter  
26 school or regional charter school.

27 ~~Section 2. Section 1549.1(1) of the act is amended by adding~~  
28 ~~a paragraph to read:~~

29 ~~Section 1549.1. Commission for Agricultural Education~~  
30 ~~Excellence. \* \* \*~~



1 Section 5. Sections 218, 220(c), 221.2(c)(1)(iv) and (f)(4)  
2 (i), 222(c) and 322 of the act are amended to read:

3 Section 218. Reports to Department of Education.--(a) An  
4 annual financial report shall be submitted to the Secretary of  
5 Education by each school district, charter school, cyber charter  
6 school and area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
7 school not later than the 31st day of October. All financial  
8 accounting and reporting by school districts, charter schools,  
9 cyber charter schools and area [vocational-technical] career and  
10 technical schools to the Department of Education shall be in  
11 accordance with generally accepted accounting and reporting  
12 standards, except that management discussion and analysis and  
13 related notes and the following financial statements shall not  
14 be required components of the annual financial report: entity-  
15 wide financial statements, including the statement of activities  
16 and the statement of net assets; the reconciliation of the  
17 balance sheet - governmental funds to statement of net assets;  
18 and the reconciliation of the statement of revenues,  
19 expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds  
20 to statement of activities. The Department of Education shall  
21 establish a reporting standard for the annual financial report.

22 (b) The chief school administrator and board secretary of a  
23 school district, charter school, cyber charter school or area  
24 [vocational-technical] career and technical school shall submit  
25 a signed statement to the Department of Education not later than  
26 the 31st day of December of each year certifying that: the  
27 audited financial statements of the school district, charter  
28 school, cyber charter school or area [vocational-technical]  
29 career and technical school have been properly audited pursuant  
30 to Article XXIV and that in the independent auditor's



1 professional opinion, the financial information submitted in the  
2 annual financial report was materially consistent with the  
3 audited financial statements.

4 (c) If the financial information submitted in the annual  
5 financial report was not materially consistent with the audited  
6 financial statements, the school district, charter school, cyber  
7 charter school or area [vocational-technical] career and  
8 technical school shall submit a revised annual financial report  
9 to the Department of Education not later than the 31st day of  
10 December.

11 (d) The Department of Education shall order the forfeiture  
12 penalties provided for under section 2552.1(a.1) against a  
13 school district, charter school, cyber charter school or area  
14 [vocational-technical] career and technical school for failure  
15 to timely submit an annual financial report or revised annual  
16 financial report.

17 Section 220. State Report Card.--\* \* \*

18 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
19 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
20 subsection:

21 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
22 Commonwealth.

23 "Local education agency." A school district, cyber charter  
24 school, charter school, area [vocational-technical] career and  
25 technical school or intermediate unit.

26 Section 221.2. Data Collection Reduction.--\* \* \*

27 (c) (1) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of  
28 this section, the State Board shall establish an advisory  
29 committee consisting of:

30 \* \* \*





1 (iv) The following members, to be appointed by the State  
2 Board in consultation with education associations representing  
3 school districts, intermediate units, public school employes,  
4 charter school entities and area [vocational-technical] career  
5 and technical schools:

6 (A) Two school district business managers.

7 (B) Two intermediate unit business managers.

8 (C) Two charter school entity business managers.

9 (D) Two area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
10 school business managers.

11 (E) One representative from a school district board of  
12 school directors.

13 (F) One representative from an intermediate unit board of  
14 directors.

15 (G) One representative from a charter school entity board of  
16 trustees.

17 (H) One representative from an area [vocational-technical]  
18 career and technical school joint operating committee.

19 (I) One member of a Statewide association representing  
20 public school entity employes that has a membership on the  
21 effective date of this section of greater than 140,000 public  
22 school entity employes.

23 \* \* \*

24 (f) For purposes of this section:

25 \* \* \*

26 (4) "Public school entity" shall mean any of the following:

27 (i) An area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
28 school.

29 \* \* \*

30 Section 222. Drop-out Data Collection.--\* \* \*



1 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
3 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
5 Commonwealth.

6 "School entity." A public school district, charter school,  
7 cyber charter school or area [vocational-technical] career and  
8 technical school.

9 Section 322. Eligibility; Incompatible Offices.--Any citizen  
10 of this Commonwealth, having a good moral character, being  
11 eighteen (18) years of age or upwards, and having been a  
12 resident of the district for at least one (1) year prior to the  
13 date of his election or appointment, shall be eligible to the  
14 office of school director therein: Provided, That any person  
15 holding any office or position of profit under the government of  
16 any city of the first class, or the office of mayor, chief  
17 burgess, county commissioner, district attorney, city, borough,  
18 or township treasurer, member of council in any municipality,  
19 township commissioner, township supervisor, tax collector,  
20 assessor, assistant assessor, any comptroller, auditor,  
21 constable, executive director or assistant executive director of  
22 an intermediate unit, supervisor, principal, teacher, or employe  
23 of any school district, shall not be eligible as a school  
24 director in this Commonwealth. This section shall not prevent  
25 any district superintendent, assistant district superintendent,  
26 supervisor, teacher, or employe of any school district, from  
27 being a school director in a district other than the one in  
28 which he is so employed, and other than in a district with which  
29 the district in which he is employed operates a joint school or  
30 department. Provided, however, That a joint school or department



1 does not include a [vocational] career and technical school,  
2 intermediate unit or community college: And provided further,  
3 That a school director who is a supervisor, principal, teacher  
4 or employe of a [vocational] career and technical school,  
5 intermediate unit or community college shall not serve as a  
6 member of a board of the [vocational] career and technical  
7 school, intermediate unit or community college in which he is a  
8 supervisor, principal, teacher or employe: And provided further,  
9 That a school director who is a supervisor, principal, teacher  
10 or employe of a [vocational] career and technical school,  
11 intermediate unit or community college, shall not be assigned to  
12 a position of employment under the supervision of the district  
13 in which he or she serves as a member of the board of school  
14 directors. A school director shall not be eligible to the office  
15 of member of council in any municipality.

16 Section 6. Section 425(d) of the act, added June 22, 2018  
17 (P.L.241, No.39), is amended to read:

18 Section 425. Executive Sessions.--\* \* \*

19 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
20 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

21 "Executive session" shall have the meaning given to the term  
22 under 65 Pa.C.S. § 703 (relating to definitions).

23 "School entity" shall mean a school district, intermediate  
24 unit, joint school, area [vocational-technical] career and  
25 technical school, charter school, regional charter school or  
26 cyber charter school.

27 Section 7. Sections 502, 513(b.1)(1) and (6), 522 and 527 of  
28 the act are amended to read:

29 Section 502. Additional Schools and Departments.--In  
30 addition to the elementary public schools, the board of school



1 directors in any school district may establish, equip, furnish,  
2 and maintain the following additional schools or departments for  
3 the education and recreation of persons residing in said  
4 district, and for the proper operation of its schools, namely:--

- 5 High schools,
- 6 Trade schools,
- 7 [Vocational] Career and technical schools,
- 8 [Technical schools,]
- 9 Cafeterias,
- 10 Agricultural schools,
- 11 Evening schools,
- 12 Kindergartens,
- 13 Libraries,
- 14 Museums,
- 15 Reading-rooms,
- 16 Gymnasiums,
- 17 Playgrounds,
- 18 Schools for physically and mentally handicapped,
- 19 Truant schools,
- 20 Parental schools,
- 21 Schools for adults,
- 22 Public lectures,

23 Such other schools or educational departments as the  
24 directors, in their wisdom, may see proper to establish.

25 Said additional schools or departments, when established,  
26 shall be an integral part of the public school system in such  
27 school district and shall be so administered.

28 No pupil shall be refused admission to the courses in these  
29 additional schools or departments, by reason of the fact that  
30 his elementary or academic education is being or has been



1 received in a school other than a public school.

2 Section 513. Group Insurance Contracts.--\* \* \*

3 (b.1) (1) School districts, intermediate units and area  
4 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools shall give  
5 employes and their dependents, upon the employe's retirement,  
6 the option of continuing coverage in the group health plan to  
7 which they belonged as employes.

8 \* \* \*

9 (6) School districts, intermediate units and area  
10 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools shall report  
11 annually to the Department of Education the increased costs  
12 resulting exclusively from the inclusion of qualified annuitants  
13 and their dependents in the entity's group health plan, for the  
14 purpose of evaluating the feasibility of future Commonwealth  
15 funding.

16 \* \* \*

17 Section 522. Payments of Salaries of Professional Employes  
18 Granted Leaves of Absence as Exchange Teachers Authorized;  
19 Rights Preserved.--Any board of public education or board of  
20 school directors of any school district [or vocational school  
21 district] of this Commonwealth is hereby authorized to pay any  
22 professional employe the salary he would be entitled to if  
23 teaching in the school district from which he is granted a leave  
24 of absence to serve as an exchange teacher in any foreign  
25 country or territory or possession of the United States of  
26 America.

27 Any professional employe, while on leave as an exchange  
28 teacher, shall be considered to be in regular full-time daily  
29 attendance in the position from which the leave was granted,  
30 during the period of said leave, for the purpose of determining



1 the employe's length of service, the right to receive increments  
2 as provided by law, and the right to make contributions as a  
3 member of the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and  
4 continue his or her membership therein, the right to service  
5 credits toward the time necessary for a sabbatical leave for  
6 health or a leave of absence for professional development, and  
7 the right to accumulate days of leave on account of illness or  
8 accidental injury.

9 Section 527. Drug Law Convictions.--(a) Any employe,  
10 professional or otherwise, of a school district, intermediate  
11 unit or area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
12 who is convicted of delivery of a controlled substance or  
13 convicted of possession of a controlled substance with the  
14 intent to deliver, as prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972  
15 (P.L.233, No.64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug,  
16 Device and Cosmetic Act," shall be terminated from his or her  
17 employment with the school entity. The governing body of the  
18 school entity shall enforce this section.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, any  
20 person subject to this section who, while employed in a public  
21 or private school, intermediate unit or area [vocational-  
22 technical] career and technical school, is convicted of any of  
23 the offenses enumerated in subsection (e) of section 111 of this  
24 act shall be immediately terminated from such employment.

25 Section 8. Section 528(d) of the act, added June 22, 2018  
26 (P.L.241, No.39), is amended to read:

27 Section 528. Third-Party Services.--\* \* \*

28 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
29 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
30 the context clearly indicates otherwise:



1 "Non-instructional services" shall mean services provided by  
2 a school employee whose terms and conditions of employment are  
3 governed by a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between  
4 the school employer and the exclusive representative of the  
5 employe and excluding services provided by a professional  
6 employe, a substitute or a temporary professional employe as  
7 those terms are defined under section 1101.

8 "School employer" shall mean a board of school directors, an  
9 intermediate unit board of directors or an area [vocational-  
10 technical] career and technical board of directors.

11 "Third party" shall mean a for-profit service provider,  
12 including a business or corporation, that contracts with a  
13 school employer to provide non-instructional services. The term  
14 shall not include an individual.

15 Section 9. Section 613(f) of the act is amended to read:

16 Section 613. Management Information Reports.--\* \* \*

17 (f) Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year and each school  
18 year thereafter, the mandatory reporting requirements of this  
19 section shall apply, as prescribed by the department, to area  
20 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools,  
21 intermediate units and charter schools to the extent that  
22 funding is available. Area [vocational-technical] career and  
23 technical schools, intermediate units and charter schools shall  
24 apply for funding in a form and manner prescribed by the  
25 department.

26 Section 10. The definitions of "area vocational-technical  
27 school," "market value/personal income aid ratio" and "public  
28 school entity" in section 602-B of the act are amended to read:  
29 Section 602-B. 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 \* \* \*

4 "Area [vocational-technical] career and technical school."

5 As defined in section 1841.

6 \* \* \*

7 "Market value/personal income aid ratio." A school  
8 district's combined market value and personal income wealth per  
9 pupil relative to the State average.

10 (1) For an area [vocational-technical] career and  
11 technical school, this amount shall be calculated based on  
12 the sum of market value and personal income wealth data for  
13 each of the area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
14 school's component school districts.

15 (2) For a charter school or regional charter school,  
16 this amount shall be calculated based on the sum of market  
17 value and personal income wealth data for each school  
18 district that granted a charter to the charter school or  
19 regional charter school under section 1717-A or 1718-A.

20 (3) For a cyber charter school, this amount shall be  
21 calculated based on the sum of market value and personal  
22 income wealth data for the school district in which the cyber  
23 charter school's administrative offices are located.

24 \* \* \*

25 "Public school entity." Any of the following:

26 (1) An area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
27 school.

28 (2) A school district.

29 (3) A charter school entity.

30 \* \* \*





1 Section 11. Sections 701.1 second paragraph, 772.1(c),  
2 772.2(e), 776.1, 909-A, 914-A(16), 1089(f), 1101(1), 1113(d)(1),  
3 1123(e), (i), (n) and (o)(2) and (8), 1141, 1142(a) and (b),  
4 1142.1(d), 1144.1, 1145, 1146(4), 1164(a), 1166(a) and 1176(a)  
5 of the act are amended to read:

6 Section 701.1. Referendum or Public Hearing Required Prior  
7 to Construction or Lease.--\* \* \*

8 The applicable aggregate building expenditure standard shall  
9 be a total amount calculated for each building or substantial  
10 addition by multiplying the rated pupil capacity under the  
11 approved room schedule by the following: two thousand eight  
12 hundred dollars (\$2,800) for each pupil of rated elementary  
13 capacity; four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200) for each  
14 pupil of rated secondary capacity in grades seven, eight and  
15 nine and five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for each  
16 pupil of rated secondary capacity in grades ten, eleven and  
17 twelve and five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for each  
18 pupil of rated [vocational-technical] career and technical  
19 capacity in grades ten, eleven and twelve to not include the  
20 cost of equipment and fixtures in such [vocational-technical]  
21 career and technical schools: Provided, however, That each of  
22 the preceding per pupil amounts shall be adjusted by the  
23 Department of Education on July 1, 1974; and annually thereafter  
24 through July 1, 2003, by multiplying said amounts by the ratio  
25 of the composite construction cost index compiled and published  
26 by the United States Department of Commerce for the preceding  
27 calendar year to such index for the next preceding calendar  
28 year; and Further Provided, however, That each of the preceding  
29 per pupil amounts shall be adjusted by the Department of  
30 Education on July 1, 2004; and annually thereafter by



1 multiplying said amounts by the ratio of the Building Cost Index  
2 published by the McGraw-Hill Companies for the preceding  
3 calendar year to such index for the next preceding calendar  
4 year. Rated elementary pupil capacity or rated secondary pupil  
5 capacity for any school building shall be the rated pupil  
6 capacity determined on the basis of the method used by the  
7 Department for school building reimbursement purposes during the  
8 school year 1971-1972.

9 \* \* \*

10 Section 772.1. Integrated Pest Management Programs.--\* \* \*

11 (c) The following words and phrases when used in this  
12 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection  
13 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of Agriculture of the  
15 Commonwealth.

16 "Integrated pest management plan." A plan which establishes  
17 a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining  
18 biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way which  
19 minimizes economic, health and environmental risks.

20 "Pest." An insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed or other  
21 form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus,  
22 bacteria or other microorganism, except viruses, bacteria or  
23 other microorganisms on or in living man or other living  
24 animals, declared to be a pest under section 25(c) (1) of the  
25 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (61 Stat.  
26 163, 7 U.S.C. § 136w).

27 "Pesticide." A substance or mixture of substances intended  
28 for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating a pest and a  
29 substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant  
30 regulator, defoliant or desiccant.



1 "School." A school district, an intermediate unit, an area  
2 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or any of  
3 these entities acting jointly.

4 Section 772.2. Notification of Pesticide Treatments at  
5 Schools.--\* \* \*

6 (e) The following words and phrases when used in this  
7 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection  
8 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Applicator." A certified applicator, commercial applicator  
10 or public applicator.

11 "Certified applicator." An individual who is certified under  
12 section 16.1, 17 or 17.1 of the act of March 1, 1974 (P.L.90,  
13 No.24), known as the "Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of  
14 1973," as competent to use or supervise the use or application  
15 of any pesticide.

16 "Commercial applicator." A certified applicator, whether or  
17 not he is a private applicator with respect to some uses, who  
18 uses or supervises the use of any pesticide on the property or  
19 premises of another or on easements granted under State law, or  
20 any applicator who uses or supervises the use of any restricted-  
21 use pesticide on property owned or rented by him or his  
22 employer, when not for purposes of producing an agricultural  
23 product. The secretary may by regulation deem certain types of  
24 applicators using any pesticide on their own property or that of  
25 their employer as commercial applicators.

26 "Department." The Department of Agriculture of the  
27 Commonwealth.

28 "Insect." Any of the numerous small invertebrate animals  
29 generally having a more or less obviously segmented body, for  
30 the most part belonging to the class Insecta, comprising six-



1 legged, usually winged forms, as, for example, beetles, bugs,  
2 bees and flies, and to other allied classes of arthropods whose  
3 members are wingless and usually have more than six (6) legs,  
4 as, for example, spiders, mites, ticks, centipedes and wood  
5 lice.

6 "Nematode." An invertebrate animal of the phylum  
7 Nemathelminthes and class Nematoda, that is, unsegmented round  
8 worms with elongated, fusiform or saclike bodies covered with  
9 cuticle and inhabiting soil, water, plants or plant parts. The  
10 term includes nemas and eelworms.

11 "Person." An individual, partnership, association,  
12 corporation or any organized group of persons, whether  
13 incorporated or not.

14 "Pest." An insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed or other  
15 form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus,  
16 bacteria or other microorganism, except viruses, bacteria or  
17 other microorganisms on or in living man or other living  
18 animals, declared to be a pest under section 25(c) (1) of the  
19 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (61 Stat.  
20 163, 7 U.S.C. § 136w).

21 "Pest control information sheet." A document which contains  
22 the date of treatment, the name, address and telephone number of  
23 the applicator, the pesticide utilized and any other information  
24 that is required by the Secretary of Agriculture.

25 "Pesticide." A substance or mixture of substances intended  
26 for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating a pest and a  
27 substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant  
28 regulator, defoliant or desiccant.

29 "Pesticide application technician." An individual employed  
30 by a commercial applicator or governmental agency who, having



1 met the competency requirements as set forth in the act of March  
2 1, 1974 (P.L.90, No.24), known as the "Pennsylvania Pesticide  
3 Control Act of 1973," is registered by the Secretary of  
4 Agriculture to apply pesticides under the direct supervision of  
5 a certified applicator.

6 "Public applicator." A certified applicator who applies  
7 pesticides as an employe of the Commonwealth or its  
8 instrumentalities or a local agency.

9 "School." A school district, an intermediate unit or an area  
10 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or any of  
11 these entities acting jointly.

12 Section 776.1. Child Day-Care Centers in School Buildings.--  
13 For purposes of the issuance or renewal of any license, or for  
14 inspections, under section 1007 of the act of June 13, 1967  
15 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the ["Public Welfare Code,"] "Human  
16 Services Code," child day-care centers operated for school-age  
17 children in public and private school buildings, buildings  
18 utilized by intermediate units or area [vocational-technical]  
19 career and technical school buildings which meet the physical  
20 site requirements provided for by the department shall be deemed  
21 to comply with any Department of [Public Welfare] Human Services  
22 child day-care service requirements or regulation concerning  
23 physical site requirements.

24 Section 909-A. [Vocational-Technical] Career and Technical  
25 Education.--All powers and duties of county boards of school  
26 directors with respect to vocational-technical education are  
27 hereby transferred to intermediate unit boards of directors,  
28 effective July 1, 1971; and all Commonwealth payments  
29 theretofore paid to county boards of school directors on account  
30 of vocational-technical education shall thereafter be paid to



1 intermediate unit boards of directors for career and technical  
2 education.

3 Section 914-A. Powers and Duties of the Intermediate Unit  
4 Board of Directors.--An intermediate unit board of directors  
5 shall have the power and its duty shall be:

6 \* \* \*

7 (16) To prepare and submit to the State Board [for  
8 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education proposals for  
9 arranging school districts of the intermediate unit into area  
10 [vocational-technical] career and technical attendance areas or  
11 any revisions thereof. A school district in an adjacent  
12 intermediate unit may be included in such proposed attendance  
13 area with the concurring approval of the board of school  
14 directors of the school district and the intermediate unit to  
15 which it belongs.

16 \* \* \*

17 Section 1089. Business Administrator.--\* \* \*

18 (f) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"  
19 shall mean a school district, intermediate unit or an area  
20 [vocational-technical] career and technical school. The term  
21 "governing board" shall mean the board of directors or joint  
22 board of such entity.

23 Section 1101. Definitions.--As used in this article,

24 (1) The term "professional employe" shall include those who  
25 are certificated as teachers, supervisors, supervising  
26 principals, principals, assistant principals, vice-principals,  
27 directors of [vocational] career and technical education, dental  
28 hygienists, visiting teachers, home and school visitors, school  
29 counselors, child nutrition program specialists, school  
30 librarians, school secretaries the selection of whom is on the



1 basis of merit as determined by eligibility lists and school  
2 nurses.

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 1113. Transferred Programs and Classes.--\* \* \*

5 (d) (1) As used in this section, the term "school entity"  
6 or "school entities" shall mean an intermediate unit and its  
7 participating school districts or an area [vocational-technical]  
8 career and technical school and its sending school districts.

9 \* \* \*

10 Section 1123. Rating System.--\* \* \*

11 (e) Notwithstanding subsections (b), (c) and (d),  
12 professional employes and temporary professional employes  
13 serving as classroom teachers, principals and nonteaching  
14 professional employes may be evaluated through the use of a  
15 rating tool developed by an individual school district,  
16 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and  
17 technical school that the department has approved as meeting or  
18 exceeding the measures of effectiveness established under this  
19 section.

20 \* \* \*

21 (i) All school districts, intermediate units and area  
22 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools shall  
23 provide to the department the aggregate results of all  
24 professional employe and temporary professional employe,  
25 principal and nonteaching professional employe evaluations.

26 \* \* \*

27 (n) The requirements of this section shall apply to all  
28 school districts, intermediate units and area [vocational-  
29 technical] career and technical schools.

30 (o) For purposes of this section:



1 \* \* \*

2 (2) The term "chief school administrator" shall include  
3 individuals who are employed as a school district  
4 superintendent, an executive director of an intermediate unit or  
5 a chief school administrator of an area [vocational-technical]  
6 career and technical school.

7 \* \* \*

8 (8) The term "principal" shall include a building principal,  
9 an assistant principal, a vice principal or a director of  
10 [vocational] career and technical education.

11 \* \* \*

12 Section 1141. Definitions.--For the purposes of this  
13 subdivision.--

14 (1) "Teacher" shall include all professional employes and  
15 temporary professional employes, who devote fifty per centum  
16 (50%) of their time, or more, to teaching or other direct  
17 educational activities, such as classroom teachers,  
18 demonstration teachers, museum teachers, counsellors,  
19 librarians, school nurses, dental hygienists, home and school  
20 visitors, and other similar professional employes and temporary  
21 professional employes, certificated in accordance with the  
22 qualifications established by the State Board of Education.

23 (2) "Service increments" shall mean increases in annual  
24 salary granted to all professional employes by reason of their  
25 years of service in the school district or [vocational] career  
26 and technical school district.

27 (3) "Standard certificate" shall mean any one of the  
28 following certificates: permanent State certificate, State  
29 Normal School certificate, State Normal School diploma,  
30 temporary standard certificate, permanent standard certificate,





1 State standard limited certificate, temporary extension standard  
2 certificate, permanent extension standard certificate.

3 (4) "College certificate" shall mean a college provisional  
4 certificate, a college permanent certificate, or its equivalent.

5 (5) "Master's Degree" shall mean a degree secured at a  
6 college or university approved by the Department of [Public  
7 Instruction] Education.

8 The State Board of Education shall establish equivalents for  
9 both college certificates and master's degrees. In determining  
10 the equivalents, in the case of teachers of applied arts and  
11 [vocational] career and technical subjects, the State Board of  
12 Education shall give due consideration to practical experience  
13 in the field taught.

14 Section 1142. Minimum Salaries and Increments.--(a) Except  
15 as hereinafter otherwise provided, all school districts and  
16 [vocational] career and technical school districts shall pay all  
17 regular and temporary teachers, supervisors, directors and  
18 coordinators of [vocational] career and technical education,  
19 psychologists, teachers of classes for exceptional children,  
20 supervising principals, [vocational] career and technical  
21 teachers, and principals in the public schools of the district  
22 the minimum salaries and increments for the school year 1968-  
23 1969 and each school year thereafter, as provided in the  
24 following tabulation in accordance with the column in which the  
25 professional employe is grouped and the step which the  
26 professional employe has attained by years of experience within  
27 the school district each step after step 1 constituting one year  
28 of service. When a school district, by agreement, places a  
29 professional employe on a step in the salary scale, each step  
30 thereafter shall constitute one year of service. When a district



1 adopts a salary scale in excess of the mandated scale, it shall  
2 not be deemed to have altered or increased the step which the  
3 employe has gained through years of service.

4 (b) Professional employes shall be grouped in the following  
5 columns:

6 Class A. Teachers holding a standard certificate valid for  
7 the subject or grades in which the teacher is giving  
8 instruction.

9 Class B. Teachers holding a college certificate valid for the  
10 subjects or grades in which the teacher is giving instruction.

11 Class C. Teachers of classes approved by the Department of  
12 [Public Instruction] Education for exceptional children holding  
13 a standard certificate valid for the subjects or grades in which  
14 the teacher is giving instruction.

15 Class D. Teachers of classes approved by the Department of  
16 [Public Instruction] Education for exceptional children holding  
17 a college certificate valid for the subjects or grades in which  
18 the teacher is giving instruction.

19 Class E. Supervisors, directors and coordinators of  
20 [vocational] career and technical education, who devote one-half  
21 or more of their time to supervision of instruction, and  
22 psychologists, holding a standard or college certificate.

23 Class F. Principals, who devote one-half or more of their  
24 time to supervision and administration and having less than  
25 twenty (20) teachers under their supervision, who hold a  
26 standard certificate, or college certificate.

27 Class G. Such principals, having twenty (20) or more  
28 teachers under their supervision, but less than forty (40), and  
29 who hold a standard certificate, or college certificate.

30 Class H. Such principals, having forty (40) or more teachers



1 under their supervision, but less than sixty (60), and who hold  
2 a standard certificate, or college certificate.

3 Class I. Such principals, having sixty (60) or more but less  
4 than eighty (80) teachers under their supervision, and who hold  
5 a standard certificate, or college certificate.

6 Class J. Such principals, having eighty (80) or more  
7 teachers under their supervision, and who hold a standard  
8 certificate, or college certificate.

9 Class K. Supervising principals, having less than forty (40)  
10 teachers under their supervision, and who hold a standard  
11 certificate, or college certificate.

12 Class L. Supervising principals, having forty (40) or more  
13 teachers under their supervision, but less than sixty (60), who  
14 hold a standard certificate, or college certificate.

15 Class M. Supervising principals, having sixty (60) or more  
16 but less than eighty (80) teachers under their supervision, and  
17 who hold a standard certificate, or college certificate.

18 Class N. Supervising principals, having eighty (80) or more  
19 but less than one hundred (100) teachers under their  
20 supervision, and who hold a standard certificate, or college  
21 certificate.

22 Class O. Supervising principals, having one hundred (100) or  
23 more teachers under their supervision, and who hold a standard  
24 certificate or college certificate.

25 Class P. [Vocational] Career and technical teachers, holding  
26 a standard or college certificate valid for the subjects or  
27 grades in which the teacher is giving instruction, and who is  
28 employed for the entire calendar year because of seasonal  
29 activities.

30 \* \* \*



1 Section 1142.1. Minimum Salaries for Teachers.--\* \* \*

2 (d) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall  
3 have the following meanings:

4 "Board of school directors" shall mean board of school  
5 directors, intermediate unit board of directors and area  
6 [vocational-technical] career and technical board.

7 "School district" shall mean school district, intermediate  
8 unit and area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
9 school.

10 "Teacher" shall mean classroom teachers and all others  
11 included within the definition of "teacher" in section 1141,  
12 including speech correctionists and instructional department  
13 chairmen employed by a school district.

14 Section 1144.1. Teachers of Applied Arts and [Vocational]  
15 Career and Technical Subjects.--Teachers of applied arts and  
16 [vocational] career and technical subjects who hold a standard  
17 certificate shall be entitled to the same minimum salary and  
18 increments as teachers who hold a college certificate.

19 Teachers of applied arts and [vocational] career and  
20 technical subjects who hold a standard certificate and have  
21 earned an additional thirty (30) semester hours of credit in  
22 professional education in the teaching field in which said  
23 teacher is engaged or related thereto shall be entitled to the  
24 same minimum salary and increments as teachers holding a  
25 Master's Degree.

26 Section 1145. Minimum Salaries for Teachers With Emergency  
27 Certificates.--In all school districts [and vocational school  
28 districts], the minimum annual salary of teachers, who hold only  
29 emergency certificates for any grade or subject which they  
30 teach, shall be one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1600).



1 Section 1146. Part-time Teachers, etc.--The minimum salary  
2 of all part-time teachers, supervisors and principals shall be  
3 as follows:

4 \* \* \*

5 (4) [Vocational] Career and Technical Extension Education.

6 (a) Teachers and supervisors in approved programs of  
7 [vocational] career and technical adult extension education,  
8 four dollars (\$4.00) per hour.

9 (b) All part-time teachers and supervisors in approved  
10 [vocational] career and technical extension education shall be  
11 limited to a maximum of ten (10) hours per week at the rate of  
12 four dollars (\$4.00) per hour. When hours in excess of ten (10)  
13 hours per week are assigned the hourly rate shall be adjusted by  
14 the district to conform with the established schedule but shall  
15 be not less than one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per  
16 hour.

17 \* \* \*

18 Section 1164. Compensation Plans for School  
19 Administrators.--(a) As used in this section, the following  
20 words will have the following meanings:

21 "Administrative compensation" shall mean administrator  
22 salaries and fringe benefits and shall include any board  
23 decision that directly affects administrator compensation such  
24 as administrative evaluation and early retirement programs.

25 "School administrator" shall mean any employe of the school  
26 entity below the rank of district superintendent, executive  
27 director, director of [vocational-technical] career and  
28 technical school, assistant district superintendent or assistant  
29 executive director, but including the rank of first level  
30 supervisor, who by virtue of assigned duties is not in a



1 bargaining unit of public employes as created under the act of  
2 July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the "Public Employe  
3 Relations Act." However, this definition shall not apply to  
4 anyone who has the duties and responsibilities of the position  
5 of business manager or personnel director, but not to include  
6 principals.

7 "School employer" shall mean a board of school directors, the  
8 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school board of  
9 directors or the intermediate unit board of school directors as  
10 defined in this act.

11 \* \* \*

12 Section 1166. Persons Entitled.--(a) Any person employed in  
13 the public school system of this Commonwealth who has completed  
14 ten (10) years of satisfactory service as a professional employe  
15 or member of the supervisory, instructional or administrative  
16 staff, or as a commissioned officer, of any board of school  
17 directors, county board of school directors, or any other part  
18 of the public school system of the Commonwealth, shall be  
19 entitled to a leave of absence for professional development or a  
20 sabbatical leave for restoration of health or, at the discretion  
21 of the board of school directors, for other purposes. At least  
22 five consecutive years of such service shall have been in the  
23 school district from which leave of absence for professional  
24 development or sabbatical leave for restoration of health is  
25 sought, unless the board of school directors shall in its  
26 discretion allow a shorter time: Provided, however, That in the  
27 case of professional employes of area [vocational-technical]  
28 career and technical schools or technical institutes prior  
29 service in the participating school districts shall be credited  
30 toward such service requirement. A leave of absence for



1 professional development or sabbatical leave for restoration of  
2 health shall be for a half or full school term or for two half  
3 school terms during a period of two years, at the option of such  
4 person: Provided, however, if a sabbatical leave is requested  
5 because of the illness of an employe, a leave shall be granted  
6 for a period equivalent to a half or full school term or  
7 equivalent to two half school terms during a period of two  
8 years: Provided further, That if a sabbatical leave for  
9 restoration of health or a leave of absence for professional  
10 development for one half school term or its equivalent has been  
11 granted and the employe is unable to return to school service  
12 because of illness or physical disability, the employe, upon  
13 written request prior to the expiration of the original leave,  
14 shall be entitled to a further leave for one half school term or  
15 its equivalent: Provided further, That if a leave for a full  
16 school term or its equivalent has been granted and the employe  
17 is unable to return to school service because of illness or  
18 physical disability, the board of school directors may extend  
19 such leave for such periods as it may determine but not to  
20 exceed one full school term or its equivalent. Thereafter, one  
21 leave of absence for professional development or a sabbatical  
22 leave for restoration of health shall be allowed after each  
23 seven years of service.

24 \* \* \*

25 Section 1176. Leave of Absence.--

26 (a) Any employe of any school district, who shall have been  
27 regularly employed by any school district or [vocational school  
28 district] career and technical school for any period, and who  
29 shall volunteer for military service in the armed forces of the  
30 United States of America in time of war or during a state of



1 national emergency or who shall be inducted for military service  
2 in the Armed Forces of the United States of America at any time,  
3 shall, within thirty (30) days after the receipt of notice to  
4 report for duty, send a copy of such notice to the secretary of  
5 the school board by which he is employed.

6 \* \* \*

7 Section 12. Section 1183(d) of the act, added October 24,  
8 2018 (P.L.736, No.119), is amended to read:

9 Section 1183. Military Parent Student Support.--\* \* \*

10 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
12 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Public school entity." Any public school, including a  
14 school district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber  
15 charter school, intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical]  
16 career and technical school operating within this Commonwealth.

17 Section 13. Section 1195(h) of the act is amended to read:

18 Section 1195. Distinguished Educators Program.--\* \* \*

19 (h) Any school district, intermediate unit or area  
20 [vocational-technical] career and technical school may grant  
21 leave to a Distinguished Educator to serve under and in  
22 accordance with the provisions of this article.

23 \* \* \*

24 Section 14. The definition of "school entity" in section  
25 1101-A of the act is amended to read:

26 Section 1101-A. Definitions.--When used in this article, the  
27 following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

28 \* \* \*

29 "School entity" shall mean a public school district,  
30 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and





1 technical school.

2 \* \* \*

3 Section 15. The definition of "public school" in section  
4 1101-B of the act is amended to read:

5 Section 1101-B. Definitions.

6 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
7 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
8 context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 \* \* \*

10 "Public school." A school operated by a school district,  
11 intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter school or an  
12 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school.

13 Section 16. Sections 1105-B(c) (1) (i), 1201.1(a) introductory  
14 paragraph, (2), (5) and (7) and 1204.1(a) of the act are amended  
15 to read:

16 Section 1105-B. Repayment.

17 \* \* \*

18 (c) Waiver of repayment.--Upon the application of the  
19 eligible teacher, the department:

20 (1) Shall waive the repayment requirement if the  
21 department finds that the teacher was unable to complete the  
22 process or meet the requirements of section 1104-B(b) due to:

23 (i) administrative action on the part of the school  
24 district or area [vocational-technical] career and  
25 technical school for other than causes enumerated in  
26 section 1122;

27 \* \* \*

28 Section 1201.1. Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective  
29 Teachers.--(a) An individual who does not hold a certificate  
30 under section 1201 shall be eligible to teach as a substitute in



1 a school district, an area [vocational-technical] career and  
2 technical school or an intermediate unit provided that:

3 \* \* \*

4 (2) The chief school administrator of a school district, an  
5 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school or an  
6 intermediate unit may issue a Substitute Teaching Permit for  
7 Prospective Teachers to an uncertified individual meeting the  
8 requirements of clause (1) who provides verification of the  
9 individual's enrollment status under paragraph (1)(i) and  
10 completed hours under paragraph (1)(ii).

11 \* \* \*

12 (5) The individual shall receive a salary fixed by the  
13 governing body of the school district, area [vocational-  
14 technical] career and technical school or intermediate unit.

15 \* \* \*

16 (7) The Department of Education shall provide an annual  
17 report on the use of the permits under this section to the  
18 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Education Committee  
19 of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of  
20 the Education Committee of the House of Representatives. To  
21 complete the report, the department shall annually survey school  
22 districts, [vocational-technical] career and technical schools  
23 and intermediate units.

24 \* \* \*

25 Section 1204.1. Standard Employment Application.--(a) The  
26 Secretary of Education, in consultation with organizations  
27 representing school administrators, including personnel  
28 administrators, teachers and school boards, shall develop a  
29 standard employment application form for use by individuals  
30 eligible for or in possession of instructional, [vocational]



1 career and technical instructional, intern or [vocational]  
2 career and technical intern teaching certificates in making  
3 application for employment with school districts within this  
4 Commonwealth.

5 \* \* \*

6 Section 17. Section 1204.2 of the act, amended June 22, 2018  
7 (P.L.241, No.39), is amended to read:

8 Section 1204.2. [Vocational] Career and Technical  
9 Instructional Certificate.--(a) The Secretary of Education may  
10 grant a certificate under this section to every person who  
11 presents to the Department of Education satisfactory evidence of  
12 good moral character and who has completed such work in  
13 [vocational] career and technical education as may be required  
14 by the standards of the State Board of Education.

15 (b) In addition to other requirements promulgated by the  
16 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall  
17 require an applicant to present evidence of at least four (4)  
18 years of wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught  
19 in order for the Secretary of Education to grant the applicant a  
20 [Vocational] Career and Technical Intern Certificate under 22  
21 Pa. Code § 49.151 (relating to eligibility and criteria).

22 (c) Notwithstanding any other requirement promulgated by the  
23 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall not  
24 require an applicant to have completed more than eighteen (18)  
25 credit hours in an approved program of [vocational] career and  
26 technical teacher education in order for the Secretary of  
27 Education to grant the applicant a [Vocational] Career and  
28 Technical Instructional I Certificate under 22 Pa. Code § 49.142  
29 (relating to Vocational Instructional I), which certificate  
30 shall entitle the individual to teach for eight (8) annual



1 school terms.

2 (d) Notwithstanding any other requirement promulgated by the  
3 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall not  
4 require an applicant to have completed more than sixty (60)  
5 total credit hours in an approved program of [vocational] career  
6 and technical teacher education in order for the Secretary of  
7 Education to grant the applicant a [Vocational] Career and  
8 Technical Instructional II Certificate under 22 Pa. Code §  
9 49.143 (relating to Vocational Instructional II). Credit hours  
10 in an approved program of [vocational] career and technical  
11 teacher education completed by the applicant toward the  
12 fulfillment of the requirements for a [Vocational] Career and  
13 Technical Instructional I Certificate shall be counted toward  
14 the total credit hours required for a [Vocational] Career and  
15 Technical Instructional II Certificate.

16 (e) The Department of Education shall form a professional  
17 advisory committee for the purposes of reviewing [vocational]  
18 career and technical instructional certification program  
19 guidelines every five (5) years to ensure that the requirements  
20 for program design and delivery pertain to the professional  
21 responsibilities of a [vocational] career and technical  
22 educator. The professional advisory committee shall, at a  
23 minimum, include representatives whose primary responsibility is  
24 teaching occupational skills in State-approved [vocational]  
25 career and technical education programs.

26 Section 18. Sections 1205.1(f) (2), 1205.2(n.1) (2) and (o),  
27 1205.4(d), 1205.5(g) and (h) (2), 1205.6(b), 1207.1(d) (1)  
28 introductory paragraph, 1217(a) (2) (i) and (c) and 1317.2(a),  
29 (b), (c), (e) and (f) introductory paragraph of the act are  
30 amended to read:



1 Section 1205.1. Continuing Professional Development.--\* \* \*

2 (f) \* \* \*

3 (2) Notwithstanding this subsection, the provisions of  
4 sections 1003(a)(3) and (c) and 1207.1(d)(1)(iv) requiring that  
5 candidates for appointment as a district superintendent or  
6 assistant district superintendent and candidates for  
7 administrative and [vocational] career and technical director  
8 certificates complete a leadership development program that  
9 meets the Pennsylvania school leadership standards under section  
10 1217 shall not be suspended.

11 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional  
12 Education.--\* \* \*

13 (n.1) \* \* \*

14 (2) Notwithstanding this subsection, the provisions of  
15 sections 1003(a)(3) and (c) and 1207.1(d)(1)(iv) requiring that  
16 candidates for appointment as a district superintendent or  
17 assistant district superintendent and candidates for  
18 administrative and [vocational] career and technical director  
19 certificates complete a leadership development program that  
20 meets the Pennsylvania school leadership standards under section  
21 1217 shall not be suspended.

22 \* \* \*

23 (o) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
24 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
25 subsection:

26 "Approved provider" is an institution of higher education,  
27 school entity, individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
28 liability company or association approved by the department to  
29 provide continuing professional education credits or hours under  
30 this section. Provided, a school entity may approve a provider



1 of continuing professional education credits or hours in  
2 accordance with department guidelines.

3 "Area of a professional educator's assignment or  
4 certification" shall mean any component of the education  
5 profession as it relates to the current job title or description  
6 of the professional educator or to any area of certification  
7 listed on the professional employe's Pennsylvania certification  
8 or to the type of certificate or endorsement held by the  
9 professional educator.

10 "Collegiate studies" shall mean a formal program or course of  
11 study at an institution of higher education leading to the award  
12 of academic credit.

13 "Compliance period" shall mean the period of time in which a  
14 professional educator must satisfactorily complete continuing  
15 professional education as required under subsection (a) and  
16 which concludes every five years beginning:

17 (1) July 1, 2000, for those professional educators who were  
18 issued a State certificate prior to July 1, 2000; or

19 (2) on the date on which the professional educator is issued  
20 a State certificate for those professional educators who were  
21 certified after July 1, 2000.

22 "Continuing professional education courses" shall mean  
23 courses for credit, other than collegiate studies, conducted by  
24 providers approved by the department.

25 "Professional educator" shall mean an individual who holds a  
26 Pennsylvania teacher, educational specialist or administrative  
27 certification or letter of eligibility.

28 "School entity" shall mean a school district, an intermediate  
29 unit, a joint school district, an area [vocational-technical]  
30 career and technical school, a charter school[, the Scotland



1 School for Veterans' Children] and the Scranton School for the  
2 Deaf or any of these acting jointly.

3 Section 1205.4. CPR Instruction.--\* \* \*

4 (d) For purposes of this section, a school entity shall be  
5 defined as a local school district, intermediate unit or area  
6 [vocational-technical] career and technical school.

7 Section 1205.5. Continuing Professional Education for School  
8 or System Leaders.--\* \* \*

9 (g) For the purpose of this section, the term "school or  
10 system leader" shall mean an individual who serves on a  
11 certificate as a principal, vice principal, assistant principal,  
12 superintendent, assistant superintendent, intermediate unit  
13 executive director, assistant intermediate unit executive  
14 director or director of an area [vocational-technical] career  
15 and technical school.

16 (h) \* \* \*

17 (2) Notwithstanding this subsection, the provisions of  
18 sections 1003(a)(3) and (c) and 1207.1(d)(1)(iv) requiring that  
19 candidates for appointment as a district superintendent or  
20 assistant district superintendent and candidates for  
21 administrative and [vocational] career and technical director  
22 certificates complete a leadership development program that  
23 meets the Pennsylvania school leadership standards under section  
24 1217 shall not be suspended.

25 Section 1205.6. Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting  
26 Training.--\* \* \*

27 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
28 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
29 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 "Abuse." Conduct that falls under the purview and reporting



1 requirements of 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to child protective  
2 services) and is directed toward or against a child or student,  
3 regardless of the age of the child or student.

4 "Direct contact with children." The possibility of care,  
5 supervision, guidance or control of children or routine  
6 interaction with children.

7 "School entity." A public school, charter school, cyber  
8 charter school, private school, nonpublic school, intermediate  
9 unit or area [vocational-technical] career and technical school.

10 "Sexual misconduct." Any act, including, but not limited to,  
11 any verbal, nonverbal, written or electronic communication or  
12 physical activity, directed toward or with a child or student  
13 that is designed to establish a romantic or sexual relationship  
14 with the child or student. Such acts include, but are not  
15 limited to:

16 (1) Sexual or romantic invitation.

17 (2) Dating or soliciting dates.

18 (3) Engaging in sexualized or romantic dialog.

19 (4) Making sexually suggestive comments.

20 (5) Self-disclosure or physical exposure of a sexual,  
21 romantic or erotic nature.

22 (6) Any sexual, indecent, romantic or erotic contact with  
23 the child or student.

24 Section 1207.1. Postbaccalaureate Certification.--\* \* \*

25 (d) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
26 person shall be granted an administrative certificate or a  
27 [vocational] career and technical director certificate by the  
28 Department of Education unless:

29 \* \* \*

30 Section 1217. Pennsylvania School Leadership Standards.--(a)





1 Programs provided under section 1205.5(c) and (d) to prepare  
2 school or system leaders and for purposes of issuing  
3 administrator certificates or letters of eligibility and  
4 approved programs for the induction and continuing professional  
5 education of school or system leaders shall address:

6 \* \* \*

7 (2) The following corollary standards:

8 (i) Creating a culture of teaching and learning with an  
9 emphasis on learning, including teaching and learning in  
10 manufacturing and [vocational] career and technical fields.

11 \* \* \*

12 (c) For the purpose of this section, the term "school or  
13 system leader" shall mean an individual who serves on a  
14 certificate as a principal, vice principal, assistant principal,  
15 superintendent, assistant superintendent, intermediate unit  
16 executive director, assistant intermediate unit executive  
17 director or director of an area [vocational-technical] career  
18 and technical school.

19 Section 1317.2. Possession of Weapons Prohibited.--(a)  
20 Except as otherwise provided in this section, a school district  
21 or area [vocational-technical] career and technical school shall  
22 expel, for a period of not less than one year, any student who  
23 is determined to have brought onto or is in possession of a  
24 weapon on any school property, any school-sponsored activity or  
25 any public conveyance providing transportation to a school or  
26 school-sponsored activity.

27 (b) Every school district and area [vocational-technical]  
28 career and technical school shall develop a written policy  
29 regarding expulsions for possession of a weapon as required  
30 under this section. Expulsions shall be conducted pursuant to



1 all applicable regulations.

2 (c) The superintendent of a school district or an  
3 administrative director of an area [vocational-technical] career  
4 and technical school may recommend modifications of such  
5 expulsion requirements for a student on a case-by-case basis.  
6 The superintendent or other chief administrative officer of a  
7 school entity shall, in the case of an exceptional student, take  
8 all steps necessary to comply with the Individuals with  
9 Disabilities Education Act (Public Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400  
10 et seq.).

11 \* \* \*

12 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting  
13 the authority or duty of a school or area [vocational-technical]  
14 career and technical school to make an alternative assignment or  
15 provide alternative educational services during the period of  
16 expulsion.

17 \* \* \*

18 (f) All school districts and area [vocational-technical]  
19 career and technical schools shall report all incidents  
20 involving possession of a weapon prohibited by this section as  
21 follows:

22 \* \* \*

23 Section 19. The definition of "educational entity" in  
24 section 1326 of the act, amended June 22, 2018 (P.L.241, No.39),  
25 is amended to read:

26 Section 1326. Definitions.--When used in this article, the  
27 following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

28 \* \* \*

29 "Educational entity" shall mean a public school district,  
30 charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or



1 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school.

2 \* \* \*

3 Section 20. Sections 1327(a), 1361(1) and 1381 of the act  
4 are amended to read:

5 Section 1327. Compulsory School Attendance.--(a) Except as  
6 hereinafter provided, every child of compulsory school age  
7 having a legal residence in this Commonwealth, as provided in  
8 this article, and every migratory child of compulsory school  
9 age, is required to attend a day school in which the subjects  
10 and activities prescribed by the standards of the State Board of  
11 Education are taught in the English language. In lieu of such  
12 school attendance, any child fifteen years of age with the  
13 approval of the district superintendent and the approval of the  
14 Secretary of Education, and any child sixteen years of age with  
15 the approval of the district superintendent of schools, may  
16 enroll as a day student in a private trade school or in a  
17 private business school licensed by the Department of Education,  
18 or in a trade or business school, or department operated by a  
19 local school district or districts. Such modified program  
20 offered in a public school must meet the standards prescribed by  
21 the State Board of Education or the State Board [for Vocational]  
22 of Career and Technical Education. Except as hereinafter  
23 provided, every parent, guardian, or other person having control  
24 or charge of any child or children of compulsory school age is  
25 required to send such child or children to a day school in which  
26 the subjects and activities prescribed by the standards of the  
27 State Board of Education are taught in the English language.  
28 Such parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge  
29 of any child or children, fifteen or sixteen years of age, in  
30 accordance with the provisions of this act, may send such child



1 or children to a private trade school or private business school  
2 licensed by the Department of Education, or to a trade or  
3 business school, or department operated by a local school  
4 district or districts. Such modified program offered in a public  
5 school must meet the standards prescribed by the State Board of  
6 Education or the State Board [for Vocational] of Career and  
7 Technical Education. Such child or children shall attend such  
8 school continuously through the entire term, during which the  
9 public schools in their respective districts shall be in  
10 session, or in cases of children of migrant laborers during the  
11 time the schools are in session in the districts in which such  
12 children are temporarily domiciled. The financial responsibility  
13 for the education of such children of migrant laborers shall  
14 remain with the school district in which such children of  
15 migrant laborers are temporarily domiciled; except in the case  
16 of special schools or classes conducted by an intermediate unit  
17 and approved by the Department of Education or conducted by the  
18 Department of Education. The certificate of any principal or  
19 teacher of a private school, or of any institution for the  
20 education of children, in which the subjects and activities  
21 prescribed by the standards of the State Board of Education are  
22 taught in the English language, setting forth that the work of  
23 said school is in compliance with the provisions of this act,  
24 shall be sufficient and satisfactory evidence thereof. Regular  
25 daily instruction in the English language, for the time herein  
26 required, by a properly qualified private tutor, shall be  
27 considered as complying with the provisions of this section. For  
28 the purposes of this section, "properly qualified private tutor"  
29 shall mean a person who is certified by the Commonwealth of  
30 Pennsylvania to teach in the public schools of Pennsylvania; who



1 is teaching one or more children who are members of a single  
2 family; who provides the majority of the instruction to such  
3 child or children; and who is receiving a fee or other  
4 consideration for such instructional services. No person who  
5 would be disqualified from school employment by the provisions  
6 of subsection (e) of section 111 may be a private tutor, as  
7 provided for in this section. The private tutor must file a copy  
8 of his Pennsylvania certification and the required criminal  
9 history record with the student's district of residence  
10 superintendent.

11 \* \* \*

12 Section 1361. When Provided.--(1) The board of school  
13 directors in any school district may, out of the funds of the  
14 district, provide for the free transportation of any resident  
15 pupil to and from the kindergarten, elementary school, or  
16 secondary school in which he is lawfully enrolled, provided that  
17 such school is not operated for profit and is located within the  
18 district boundaries or outside the district boundaries at a  
19 distance not exceeding ten miles by the nearest public highway,  
20 except that such ten-mile limit shall not apply to area  
21 [vocational technical] career and technical schools which  
22 regularly serve eligible district pupils or to special schools  
23 and classes approved by the Department of Education, and to and  
24 from any points within or without the Commonwealth in order to  
25 provide field trips for any purpose connected with the  
26 educational pursuits of the pupils. When provision is made by a  
27 board of school directors for the transportation of public  
28 school pupils to and from such schools or to and from any points  
29 within or without the Commonwealth in order to provide field  
30 trips as herein provided, the board of school directors shall



1 also make identical provision for the free transportation of  
2 pupils who regularly attend nonpublic kindergarten, elementary  
3 and high schools not operated for profit to and from such  
4 schools or to and from any points within or without the  
5 Commonwealth in order to provide field trips as herein provided.  
6 Such transportation of pupils attending nonpublic schools shall  
7 be provided during regular school hours on such dates and  
8 periods that the nonpublic school not operated for profit is in  
9 regular session, according to the school calendar officially  
10 adopted by the directors of the same in accordance with  
11 provisions of law. The board of school directors shall provide  
12 such transportation whenever so required by any of the  
13 provisions of this act or of any other act of Assembly.

14 \* \* \*

15 Section 1381. Higher Education for Blind or Deaf Students.--  
16 The Department of [Public Instruction] Education is authorized  
17 to make provision for defraying the necessary expense of any  
18 students who are blind or deaf and are regularly enrolled  
19 students pursuing any course of study, profession, art, or  
20 science in any university, college, conservatory of music,  
21 normal, professional, or [vocational] career and technical  
22 school approved by the Department of [Public Instruction]  
23 Education, and who are residents of [the] this Commonwealth.  
24 Before any contract is entered into, the Department of [Public  
25 Instruction] Education shall make a careful investigation of all  
26 circumstances surrounding the case. If, after such  
27 investigation, it appears that any [blind or deaf] student who  
28 is deaf or blind who desires to attend any such school or  
29 institution, or who is attending such school or institution,  
30 seems to be fitted for special work, the Department of [Public



1 Instruction] Education is authorized to expend the necessary  
2 amount, out of the general sum appropriated for this purpose,  
3 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per year for each such  
4 [blind or deaf] student who is deaf or blind.

5 Section 21. The definitions of "chief school administrator"  
6 and "school entity" in section 1301-A of the act are amended to  
7 read:

8 Section 1301-A. Definitions.--As used in this article,

9 "Chief school administrator" shall mean the superintendent of  
10 a public school district, superintendent of an area [vocational-  
11 technical] career and technical school, executive director of an  
12 intermediate unit or chief executive officer of a charter  
13 school.

14 \* \* \*

15 "School entity" shall mean any public school district,  
16 intermediate unit, area [vocational-technical] career and  
17 technical school or charter school.

18 \* \* \*

19 Section 22. The definition of "school entity" in section  
20 1301-C of the act, amended July 2, 2019 (P.L.406, No.67), is  
21 amended to read:

22 Section 1301-C. Definitions.

23 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
24 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
25 context clearly indicates otherwise:

26 \* \* \*

27 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area  
28 [vocational-technical] career and technical school, charter  
29 school or private residential rehabilitative institution.

30 \* \* \*



1 Section 23. The definition of "school entity" in section  
2 1302-D of the act, added June 22, 2018 (P.L.327, No.44), is  
3 amended to read:

4 Section 1302-D. Definitions.

5 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
6 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
7 context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 \* \* \*

9 "School entity." A school district, charter school, cyber  
10 charter school, private school, nonpublic school, intermediate  
11 unit or area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
12 operating within this Commonwealth.

13 Section 24. Sections 1414.1(d), 1414.2(j), 1414.3(e),  
14 1414.4(d), 1414.5(d), 1423(l), 1424(c) and 1505(e) of the act  
15 are amended to read:

16 Section 1414.1. Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers and  
17 Epinephrine Auto-Injectors.--\* \* \*

18 (d) As used in this section, "school entity" means a school  
19 district, intermediate unit, charter school or area [vocational-  
20 technical] career and technical school.

21 \* \* \*

22 Section 1414.2. School Access to Emergency Epinephrine.--\* \* \*

23 \*

24 (j) As used in this section, "school entity" means a school  
25 district, intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter  
26 school, regional charter school or area [vocational-technical]  
27 career and technical school.

28 Section 1414.3. Education of School Employees in Diabetes  
29 Care and Management.--\* \* \*

30 (e) For purposes of this section, "school entity" means a





1 school district, intermediate unit, area [vocational-technical]  
2 career and technical school, charter school or cyber charter  
3 school.

4 Section 1414.4. Diabetes Care in Schools.--\* \* \*

5 (d) For purposes of this section:

6 "School bus" means a school bus as defined in 75 Pa.C.S. §  
7 102 (relating to definitions).

8 "School entity" means a school district, intermediate unit,  
9 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school, charter  
10 school or cyber charter school.

11 "School vehicle" means a school vehicle as defined in 75  
12 Pa.C.S. § 102.

13 Section 1414.5. Possession and Use of Diabetes Medication  
14 and Monitoring Equipment.--\* \* \*

15 (d) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall  
16 have the following meanings:

17 "School entity" means a school district, intermediate unit,  
18 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school, charter  
19 school or cyber charter school.

20 "Diabetes medication" means glucagon and insulin.

21 Section 1423. Automatic External Defibrillators.--\* \* \*

22 (l) As used in this section--

23 "Automatic external defibrillator" means a portable device  
24 that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an  
25 individual in cardiac arrest.

26 "Department" means the Department of Education of the  
27 Commonwealth.

28 "Nonpublic school" means a nonprofit school, other than a  
29 public school within this Commonwealth, wherein a resident of  
30 this Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school



1 attendance requirements of this act and which meets the  
2 applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of  
3 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

4 "School building" means a building owned by or under the  
5 control of a school entity or nonpublic school where classes are  
6 taught or extracurricular activities are conducted on a regular  
7 basis.

8 "School entity" means an area [vocational-technical] career  
9 and technical school, a charter school, a cyber charter school,  
10 an intermediate unit or a school district.

11 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education of the  
12 Commonwealth.

13 Section 1424. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.--\* \* \*

14 (c) As used in this section, "school entity" means an area  
15 [vocational-technical] career and technical school, a charter  
16 school, a cyber charter school, an intermediate unit, a  
17 nonpublic school or a school district.

18 Section 1505. Secretary Declaration of Emergencies.--\* \* \*

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

22 "Charter school entity" shall mean a charter school, regional  
23 charter school or cyber charter school.

24 "Department" shall mean the Department of Education of the  
25 Commonwealth.

26 "School entity" shall mean a school district, area  
27 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
28 intermediate unit.

29 Section 25. The definition of "public school entity" in  
30 section 1506(h) of the act, added July 2, 2019 (P.L.396, No.64),



1 is amended to read:

2 Section 1506. Flexible Instructional Days.--\* \* \*

3 (h) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

5 \* \* \*

6 "Public school entity" shall mean any of the following:

7 (1) A school district.

8 (2) An intermediate unit.

9 (3) An area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
10 school.

11 (4) A charter school or regional charter school, as defined  
12 in section 1703-A.

13 \* \* \*

14 Section 26. Sections 1517(f), 1526(d) and 1527(c) of the act  
15 are amended to read:

16 Section 1517. Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills.--\* \* \*

17 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

19 "Chief school administrator" shall mean the superintendent of  
20 a school district, superintendent of an area [vocational-  
21 technical] career and technical school, executive director of an  
22 intermediate unit or chief executive officer of a charter school  
23 or regional charter school.

24 "School entity" shall mean an area [vocational-technical]  
25 career and technical school, school district, intermediate unit,  
26 charter school or regional charter school.

27 "School security drill" shall mean a planned exercise, other  
28 than a fire drill or natural disaster drill, designed to  
29 practice procedures to respond to an emergency situation that  
30 may include, but is not limited to, an act of terrorism, armed



1 intruder situation or other violent threat.

2 Section 1526. Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention.--\* \* \*

3 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
5 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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

8 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, other than a school  
9 entity, wherein a resident of this Commonwealth may legally  
10 fulfill the compulsory school attendance requirements of this  
11 act and which meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil  
12 Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

13 "Professional educator." As defined in section 1205.2(o).

14 "School entity." A school district, joint school district,  
15 charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school,  
16 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and  
17 technical school.

18 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.

19 Section 1527. Child Exploitation Awareness Education.--\* \* \*

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

23 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
24 Commonwealth.

25 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, other than a school  
26 entity, wherein a resident of this Commonwealth may legally  
27 fulfill the compulsory school attendance requirements of this  
28 act and which meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil  
29 Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

30 "Professional educator." As defined in section 1205.2(o).



1 "School entity." A school district, joint school district,  
2 charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school,  
3 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and  
4 technical school.

5 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.  
6 Section 27. The definition of "school entity" in section  
7 1528(f) of the act, added June 2, 2019 (P.L.31, No.7), is  
8 amended to read:

9 Section 1528. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education.--\* \*  
10 \*

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

14 \* \* \*

15 "School entity." A school district, joint school district,  
16 charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school,  
17 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and  
18 technical school.

19 Section 28. Section 1549(e) of the act is amended to read:

20 Section 1549. Agricultural Education.--\* \* \*

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

24 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
25 Commonwealth.

26 "School entity." A public school district, intermediate unit  
27 or area [vocational-technical] career and technical school.

28 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.

29 Section 29. Section 1549.1(f) (3) (v) and (p) of the act are  
30 amended and subsection (1) is amended by adding a paragraph to



1 read:

2 Section 1549.1. Commission for Agricultural Education  
3 Excellence.--\* \* \*

4 (f) The commission shall consist of the following members:

5 \* \* \*

6 (3) The following members jointly appointed by the Secretary  
7 of Education and the Secretary of Agriculture from lists  
8 submitted by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with  
10 the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate and the  
11 Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of  
12 Representatives:

13 \* \* \*

14 (v) Two teachers of [vocational] career and technical  
15 agriculture, one from a career and technical center and one from  
16 a school district.

17 \* \* \*

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

20 \* \* \*

21 (6) In consultation with and with the approval of the  
22 Department of Education, develop guidelines to identify the  
23 circumstances when a student who successfully completes an  
24 academic course, program or activity for credit may apply the  
25 credit toward the completion of an agricultural education  
26 program. The guidelines developed under this paragraph shall be  
27 posted on the Department of Education's publicly accessible  
28 Internet website within fifteen (15) days of approval. The  
29 Department of Education shall review the guidelines at least  
30 every five (5) years. Any proposed update to the guidelines



1 shall be developed in consultation with the commission.

2 \* \* \*

3 ~~SECTION 2.1. SECTION 1842 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:~~

4 (p) The following words and phrases when used in this  
5 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection  
6 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Commission." The Commission for Agricultural Education  
8 Excellence established under this section.

9 "Farmer." A person who engages in activities, practices and  
10 procedures to produce and prepare for market poultry, livestock  
11 and their products or who engages in the production and  
12 harvesting of agricultural, agronomic, horticultural,  
13 silvicultural and aquacultural crops and commodities and whose  
14 operation is conducted on not less than ten contiguous acres in  
15 area or, if less than ten contiguous acres in area, has an  
16 anticipated yearly gross income of at least ten thousand dollars  
17 (\$10,000).

18 "FFA." A career and technical student organization that  
19 encourages leadership, personal growth and career success  
20 through agricultural education.

21 "School entity." A public school district, intermediate unit  
22 or area [vocational-technical] career and technical school.

23 Section 30. Sections 1551(f), 1554(g) and 1503-A(a) and (c)  
24 (2) and (4) of the act are amended to read:

25 Section 1551. Economic Education and Personal Financial  
26 Literacy Programs.--\* \* \*

27 (f) The following words and phrases when used in this  
28 section shall have the meanings given to them in this  
29 subsection:

30 "Department." The Department of Education of the



1 Commonwealth.

2 "Personal financial literacy." The integration of various  
3 factors relating to personal financial management, including  
4 understanding financial institutions, using money, learning to  
5 manage personal assets and liabilities, creating budgets and any  
6 other factors that may assist an individual in this Commonwealth  
7 to be financially responsible.

8 "School entity." A public school district, charter school,  
9 cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area [vocational-  
10 technical] career and technical school.

11 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.

12 Section 1554. Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights  
13 Violations Instruction.--\* \* \*

14 (g) For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"  
15 shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter  
16 school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area  
17 [vocational-technical] career and technical school.

18 Section 1503-A. Basic Education Grants.--(a) Grants shall  
19 be allocated to school districts and to area [vocational-  
20 technical] career and technical schools by the department from  
21 funds appropriated for this purpose. A nonpublic school, an  
22 intermediate unit or local library may participate in the grant  
23 process through a partnership with a school district.

24 \* \* \*

25 (c) \* \* \*

26 (2) School districts, charter schools, area [vocational-  
27 technical] career and technical schools and intermediate units  
28 are eligible to apply for grants as prescribed by the  
29 department. Maximum grant awards will be established by the  
30 department based on a formula that considers the market





1 value/income aid ratio and average daily membership. The  
2 department may establish matching requirements for grant  
3 recipients.

4 \* \* \*

5 (4) An applicant may collaborate or form a partnership with  
6 one or more of the following: a political subdivision, a school  
7 district, an area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
8 school, an intermediate unit, a nonpublic school, a local  
9 library, an independent institution of higher education, a  
10 State-owned institution, a State-related institution, a  
11 community education council or any other entity approved by the  
12 Department of Education.

13 Section 31. The definition of "school entity" in section  
14 1501-C of the act is amended to read:

15 Section 1501-C. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 \* \* \*

20 "School entity." Shall mean:

21 (1) For purposes of the Educational Support Services  
22 Program, any of the following located in this Commonwealth: a  
23 school district, intermediate unit, joint school district,  
24 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school,  
25 charter school, independent school, licensed private academic  
26 school, accredited school, a school registered under section  
27 1327(b) [, the Scotland School for Veterans' Children] or the  
28 Scranton School for the Deaf.

29 (2) For purposes of the Educational Assistance Program  
30 established in section 1502-C, any of the following located



1 in this Commonwealth: a school district, joint school  
2 district, area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
3 school or independent school.

4 Section 32. The definition of "school entity" in section  
5 1502-I of the act is amended to read:

6 Section 1502-I. Definitions.

7 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
8 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
9 context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 \* \* \*

11 "School entity." Any of the following:

12 (1) A school district.

13 (2) An intermediate unit.

14 (3) An area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
15 school.

16 (4) A charter school or regional charter school, as  
17 defined in section 1703-A.

18 \* \* \*

19 Section 33. Section 1605(c)(2) of the act is amended to  
20 read:

21 Section 1605. Courses of Study.--\* \* \*

22 (c) \* \* \*

23 (2) As used in this subsection, "public high school" shall  
24 mean a public school, including a school within a school  
25 district, a charter school, a cyber charter school, a regional  
26 charter school or an area [vocational-technical] career and  
27 technical school, that offers twelfth grade.

28 Section 34. The definition of "school entity" in section  
29 1605.1(d) of the act, added June 19, 2018 (P.L.227, No.35), is  
30 amended to read:



1 Section 1605.1. Assessment of Civic Knowledge.--\* \* \*

2 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
4 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 \* \* \*

6 "School entity" shall mean a school district, area  
7 [vocational-technical] career and technical school, intermediate  
8 unit, charter school, cyber charter school or regional charter  
9 school.

10 \* \* \*

11 Section 35. Sections 1607(a) and 1614(a) of the act are  
12 amended to read:

13 Section 1607. Attendance in Other Districts.--(a) Except as  
14 set forth in subsection (b), pupils residing in a school  
15 district in which no public high school is maintained may  
16 attend, during the entire term, at the expense of the school  
17 district of which they are residents, the nearest or most  
18 conveniently located high school of such class as they may  
19 desire to attend, unless the board of school directors of the  
20 district of residence shall have assigned the pupils to a high  
21 school and adequate transportation is provided thereto. Pupils  
22 who reside in a school district in which no public high school,  
23 other than a [vocational] career and technical high school is  
24 maintained, may attend, during the entire term, the nearest or  
25 most conveniently located academic high school. In any district  
26 which maintains a high school whose program of studies  
27 terminates before the end of the twelfth year, pupils who have  
28 satisfactorily completed the program of studies there available  
29 in other than [vocational] career and technical schools or  
30 departments, or have completed a program of studies equivalent



1 to said program of studies in some other school or schools, may  
2 attend, at the expense of the school district in which they  
3 live, and for the purpose of pursuing academic studies of a  
4 higher grade, the nearest or most conveniently located high  
5 school of such type as they may desire to attend giving further  
6 high school work.

7 \* \* \*

8 Section 1614. Participation By Students With Disabilities in  
9 High School Graduation Ceremonies.--(a) For the 2005-2006  
10 school year and each school year thereafter, a board of school  
11 directors of a school district, an area [vocational-technical]  
12 career and technical school or a charter school shall allow a  
13 student with a disability, whose individualized education  
14 program as established pursuant to 22 Pa. Code § 14.131  
15 (relating to IEP) prescribes continued special education  
16 programs beyond the fourth year of high school, to participate  
17 in commencement ceremonies with the student's graduating class  
18 and receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the  
19 student has attended four years of high school regardless of  
20 whether the student has completed the individualized education  
21 program.

22 \* \* \*

23 Section 36. The definitions of "concurrent student" and  
24 "school entity" in section 1602-B of the act are amended to  
25 read:

26 Section 1602-B. Definitions.

27 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
28 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
29 context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 \* \* \*



1 "Concurrent student." A student who is enrolled in a school  
2 district, a charter school, an area [vocational-technical]  
3 career and technical school, a nonpublic school, a private  
4 school or a home education program under section 1327.1 and who  
5 takes a concurrent course through a concurrent enrollment  
6 program.

7 \* \* \*

8 "School entity." A school district or an area [vocational-  
9 technical] career and technical school.

10 \* \* \*

11 Section 37. Sections 1603-B(c) (1), 1614-B(b) and 1615-B(a)  
12 of the act are amended to read:

13 Section 1603-B. Responsibilities of department and State Board  
14 of Education.

15 \* \* \*

16 (c) Grants.--

17 (1) The department shall provide a grant to any school  
18 entity that has applied for grant funds under section 1611-  
19 B(c) and has approved a concurrent enrollment program as set  
20 forth in this article. The grant amount to each school entity  
21 shall be calculated for each concurrent course as follows:

22 (i) Determine the total approved cost for all  
23 concurrent students who are residents of the school  
24 district or enrolled in the area [vocational-technical]  
25 career and technical school.

26 (ii) Multiply the amount from subparagraph (i) by  
27 the sum of 0.425 and the market value/income aid ratio of  
28 the school entity, provided that where a concurrent  
29 student is enrolled in an area [vocational-technical]  
30 career and technical school, the market value/income aid



1 ratio shall be the average of the market value/income aid  
2 ratios of the concurrent students' school districts of  
3 residence.

4 \* \* \*

5 Section 1614-B. Enrollment in concurrent courses.

6 \* \* \*

7 (b) Optional enrollment.--A student enrolled in a school  
8 district, charter school, area [vocational-technical] career and  
9 technical school, nonpublic school, private school or home  
10 education program who does not qualify under subsection (a) may  
11 enroll in concurrent courses that are part of a concurrent  
12 enrollment program approved by the student's school district of  
13 residence or the area [vocational-technical] career and  
14 technical school in which the student is enrolled by meeting  
15 alternate criteria agreed upon by the school entity and the  
16 eligible postsecondary institution at which the student seeks to  
17 enroll in concurrent courses, provided that the charter school,  
18 nonpublic school, private school or home education program  
19 awards secondary credit for a successfully completed concurrent  
20 course. The student shall be included in the number of students  
21 reported to the department under section 1611-B(b) and (c).

22 Section 1615-B. Credit for concurrent courses.

23 (a) Award.--A school district, charter school, area  
24 [vocational-technical] career and technical school, nonpublic  
25 school, private school or home education program shall award  
26 secondary credit for a successfully completed concurrent course,  
27 with success being determined by the eligible postsecondary  
28 institution and set forth in the concurrent enrollment agreement  
29 under section 1613-B(b) (4).

30 \* \* \*



1 Section 38. The definition of "school entity" in section  
2 1602-C of the act is amended to read:

3 Section 1602-C. Definitions.

4 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
6 context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 \* \* \*

8 "School entity." A school of a school district, joint school  
9 district, area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
10 school or charter school that provides interscholastic athletic  
11 opportunities for secondary school students.

12 \* \* \*

13 Section 39. Section 1707 of the act is amended to read:

14 Section 1707. Joint School Committee.--The boards of school  
15 directors, establishing any joint school or department, may  
16 supervise and direct its affairs, jointly, in the same manner as  
17 the affairs of individual school districts are managed; or they  
18 may agree that the affairs of such joint school or department  
19 may be managed by a joint school committee within the limits of  
20 the budget adopted by the joint board. Where such management is  
21 delegated to a joint school committee, every school board  
22 establishing joint schools or departments shall, at the annual  
23 meeting during the month of December, select one or more of its  
24 members who, with the members chosen in like manner in the other  
25 districts, shall constitute the joint school committee. Every  
26 such school board may also select at any annual or regular  
27 meeting one or more alternates from its members to serve in the  
28 event selected members are unable to attend a meeting of the  
29 joint school committee. The alternate, when directed by the  
30 president of the school board to attend a meeting of the joint



1 school committee in the absence of the selected member, shall  
2 have all the powers and duties of a regular member of such  
3 committee. This committee shall have all the powers and duties  
4 and be subject to all the liabilities with reference to the  
5 supervision, maintenance and regulation of such joint schools or  
6 departments as are now conferred or imposed by law upon school  
7 boards generally. The affirmative vote of a majority of all the  
8 members of this committee, duly recorded, showing how each  
9 member voted, shall be required in order to take action upon  
10 those subjects enumerated in section five hundred eight of this  
11 act. Such votes may be recorded in a joint meeting or by mail  
12 ballot. Failure to comply with the provisions of this act shall  
13 render void and unenforceable the acts of the joint school  
14 committee with reference thereto. The joint board and the joint  
15 school committee, if authorized, shall organize annually during  
16 the month of December by electing a president, vice-president  
17 and secretary, who shall perform the duties imposed by this act  
18 on the president, vice-president and secretary of regular school  
19 boards. The secretary so elected shall serve for a term of four  
20 years. The expenses of maintaining the joint school or  
21 department shall be paid by warrant drawn on the joint board  
22 treasurer by the president and secretary of the joint board or  
23 the joint school committee.

24 Whenever two or more boards of school directors, who are at  
25 the time members of a joint board operating a joint school or  
26 department, join with other boards of school directors in the  
27 formation of a joint school committee operating an area  
28 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or technical  
29 institute, the joint committee may be formed as may be agreed:  
30 Provided, That each joint school or department have at least one





1 member on the joint school committee.

2 Section 40. The definition of "school entity" in section  
3 1703-A of the act is amended to read:

4 Section 1703-A. Definitions.--As used in this article,

5 \* \* \*

6 "School entity" shall mean a school district, intermediate  
7 unit, joint school or area [vocational-technical] career and  
8 technical school.

9 \* \* \*

10 Section 41. The heading of Article XVIII of the act is  
11 amended to read:

12 ARTICLE XVIII.

13 [VOCATIONAL] CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

14 Section 42. Sections 1801, 1802, 1803, 1803.1 introductory  
15 paragraph and (1), 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810 and  
16 1811 of the act are amended to read:

17 Section 1801. Definitions.--The following words and phrases  
18 as used in this article shall, unless a different meaning is  
19 plainly required by the context, have the following meanings:

20 (1) "State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical  
21 Education" shall mean the State Board of Education, herein  
22 invested with powers to administer this article of this act  
23 under the designation of the State Board [for Vocational] of  
24 Career and Technical Education.

25 (2) "[Vocational] Career and technical education" shall mean  
26 any form of education of less than college grade, given in  
27 school or elsewhere, the purpose of which is to fit an  
28 individual to pursue effectively a recognized profitable  
29 employment, whether pursued for wages or otherwise.

30 (3) "[Vocational] Career and technical industrial education"



1 shall mean those forms of [vocational] career and technical  
2 education that fit for industrial pursuits. It includes  
3 occupational training for [women and girls other than training  
4 for the vocation of homemaking] nontraditional employment. It  
5 includes also public and other service occupations.

6 (4) "[Vocational] Career and technical agricultural  
7 education" shall mean that form of [vocational] career and  
8 technical education which develops student potential for success  
9 in entering and advancing through careers in the food,  
10 agriculture and natural resources sciences, such as production  
11 agriculture, animal science, agribusiness management and  
12 marketing, agricultural research, energy systems, agricultural  
13 mechanics and engineering, biotechnology, food science,  
14 processing and retailing, banking, agricultural education,  
15 forestry, horticulture, landscape contracting, nursery and  
16 floriculture production, retail garden center management,  
17 leadership and career development, management, economics and  
18 marketing, natural resource management, plant and soil science,  
19 power and systems technology, rural-urban interfacing and other  
20 related fields.

21 (5) "[Vocational] Career and technical marketing and  
22 distributive occupational education" shall mean those forms of  
23 [vocational] career and technical education [designed for those  
24 workers engaged in or preparing for employment as distributors  
25 to consumers, retailers, jobbers, wholesalers, and others of the  
26 products of farm and industry, including, also, managers  
27 operating or conducting a commercial service or personal service  
28 business, or selling the services of such a business.] which  
29 develops student potential for success in entering and advancing  
30 through careers in distribution, financing, marketing, storing



1 and warehousing, pricing, product and service management and  
2 sales promotion and small business.

3 (6) "[Vocational homemaking] Career and technical family and  
4 consumer sciences education" shall mean that form [attitudes in  
5 the subject matter areas of home economics] of career and  
6 technical education which develops student potential for success  
7 in entering and advancing through careers involving parenting  
8 and child development, human development, nutrition, wellness  
9 and food science, along with hospitality and tourism,  
10 independent living, interpersonal relationships, home  
11 management, fashion marketing, resource management, consumer  
12 rights and financial literacy and career and family connections  
13 and useful programs that are designed to help individuals and  
14 families [improve home environment and the quality of family  
15 life] manage the multiple roles necessary to balance family,  
16 career and community responsibilities.

17 (7) "[Vocational] Career and technical industrial,  
18 [vocational] career and technical agricultural, [vocational]  
19 career and technical marketing and distributive occupational  
20 education, or [vocational homemaking] career and technical  
21 family and consumer sciences school or department," or  
22 "[vocational] career and technical school or department," shall  
23 mean a distinctive organization of courses, pupils, and teachers  
24 approved by the State Board [for Vocational] of Career and  
25 Technical Education, designed to give either [vocational] career  
26 and technical industrial, [vocational] career and technical  
27 agricultural, [vocational] career and technical marketing and  
28 distributive occupational, or [vocational homemaking] career and  
29 technical family and consumer sciences education, as herein  
30 defined.



1 (8) "[Vocational] Career and technical evening class" shall  
2 mean a class providing such instruction for persons sixteen  
3 years of age or over, who have left full-time school. These  
4 classes may be conducted in the evening, or at hours when  
5 workers are able to attend, and shall include instruction that  
6 will either increase the skill or knowledge of the worker in the  
7 occupation in which he is employed, or include instruction for  
8 those who are unemployed or about to become unemployed because  
9 of changing conditions in industry, and whose previous  
10 experience, as a background, prepares them for employment in  
11 related fields within a limited time.

12 (9) "[Vocational] Career and technical evening class" in  
13 [vocational homemaking] career and technical family and consumer  
14 sciences shall mean a class giving training as indicated in  
15 clause (6) for students during the evening.

16 (10) "[Vocational homemaking] Career and technical family  
17 and consumer sciences school or department" shall mean a  
18 [vocational] career and technical school or department designed  
19 to develop, on a [vocational] career and technical basis, the  
20 capacity for useful employment as indicated in clause (6).

21 (11) "Part-time schools or classes" shall mean those schools  
22 or classes which provide instruction in subjects given to  
23 enlarge the civic or [vocational] career and technical knowledge  
24 or skill of workers over fourteen years of age who have entered  
25 upon employment. Such schools must be so organized as to permit  
26 workers, who are qualified for admission, to spend part of their  
27 time during the day, week, month, or year in employment, and  
28 part of the time in school.

29 (12) "Part-time cooperative [vocational] career and  
30 technical education" refers to that form of [vocational] career



1 and technical instruction that involves attendance on alternate,  
2 equal periods of school and work at the [vocation] career during  
3 the school year, given in accordance with an agreement by which  
4 the school and industry cooperate and coordinate in making  
5 available the combined educational and training facilities of  
6 both.

7 (13) "Practical" refers to manipulative or "practice-of-the-  
8 trade" aspects of a [vocation] career. It includes such work  
9 given in shops, laboratories, mines, drafting rooms, and other  
10 places, and is to distinguish such work from "academic" or  
11 ["nonvocational"] "noncareer and nontechnical" education.

12 (14) "Public service-school" refers to schools, departments,  
13 classes, and conferences for the in-service training of public  
14 and other service occupations, including [policemen, firemen]  
15 police officers, firefighters, finance officers, school board  
16 officials, and others.

17 (15) "[Vocational] Technical Education" shall mean a  
18 subject, or combination of subjects, of less than college grade  
19 designed to prepare an individual to enter or advance in an  
20 occupational field wherein success is largely dependent upon  
21 knowledge or techniques and applied sciences, the practice of  
22 which involves aspects of planning, managing, controlling,  
23 processing or distributing products, sales and services.

24 (16) "[Vocational] Career and technical business [and office  
25 education"], computer and information technology" shall mean a  
26 subject or combination of subjects of less than college grade  
27 designed to prepare an individual to enter or advance in an  
28 occupational field wherein success is largely dependent upon  
29 skill and knowledge necessary to obtain competency in  
30 [bookkeeping,] the areas of accounting and information



1 technologies, clerical, data processing, [or stenographic]  
2 computer applications, programming and operating systems,  
3 including hardware and software applications, entrepreneurship,  
4 international business, business math, finance, management  
5 concepts, consumer economics, budgeting, investing and taxes,  
6 personal finance, electronic commerce, business and consumer law  
7 or business communications occupations, and similar business  
8 pursuits.

9 Section 1802. State Board [for Vocational] of Career and  
10 Technical Education; Executive Officer; Employes.--The  
11 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education  
12 shall be the executive officer of the State Board [for  
13 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education for the  
14 administration of this act. Except as hereinafter otherwise  
15 provided, he, as executive officer, shall appoint, from time to  
16 time, with the approval of the State Board [for Vocational] of  
17 Career and Technical Education, such expert assistants, other  
18 than those already provided for by law, as may be necessary in  
19 [vocational] career and technical industrial, [vocational  
20 homemaking, vocational] career and technical family and consumer  
21 sciences, career and technical agricultural, [vocational] career  
22 and technical marketing and distributive occupational education  
23 or [vocational] career and technical business [and office  
24 occupational], computer and information technology education,  
25 and all clerical and other agents necessary in carrying out the  
26 provisions of this act.

27 Section 1803. Duties of State Board [for Vocational] of  
28 Career and Technical Education; Reports.--The State Board [for  
29 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education is hereby  
30 authorized and directed to investigate and to aid in the



1 introduction of [vocational] career and technical industrial,  
2 [vocational] career and technical agricultural, [vocational  
3 homemaking, vocational] career and technical family and consumer  
4 science, career and technical marketing and distributive  
5 occupational education and [vocational] career and technical  
6 business [and office occupational], computer and information  
7 technology education; to assist in the establishment of schools  
8 and departments for said forms of education, and to inspect and  
9 approve such schools or departments as are hereinafter provided.

10 The State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical  
11 Education shall make a report annually to the Governor and  
12 Legislature describing the condition and progress of  
13 [vocational] career and technical industrial, [vocational]  
14 career and technical agricultural, [vocational homemaking,  
15 vocational] career and technical family and consumer science,  
16 career and technical marketing and distributive occupational  
17 education and [vocational] career and technical business [and  
18 office occupational], computer and information technology  
19 education during the year, and shall also make such  
20 recommendations as the board may deem advisable.

21 Section 1803.1. Duty of Secretary to Report Annually.--The  
22 Secretary of Education shall report annually, to the Standing  
23 Committees on Education of the Senate and House of  
24 Representatives, the following information for each area  
25 [vocational-technical] career and technical school:

26 (1) Number of approved [vocational] career and technical  
27 programs during the current and prior years.

28 \* \* \*

29 Section 1804. Schools or Classes; Supervisors; Principals;  
30 Instructors, etc.--In carrying out the provisions of this act,



1 the State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical  
2 Education shall provide for [vocational] career and technical  
3 schools or classes, with the necessary staffs, in accordance  
4 with the State Plan for [Vocational] Career and Technical  
5 Education, approved by the [Federal Board for Vocational  
6 Education.

7 Principals, instructors and lecturers for the Public Service  
8 Institute shall be elected by the State Board for Vocational  
9 Education. They shall possess the qualifications established in  
10 the State Plan for Vocational Education approved by the Federal  
11 Board for Vocational Education.] United States Department of  
12 Education.

13 Section 1805. Instruction in Theory and Practice.--In order  
14 that instruction in theory and practice may go on together,  
15 [vocational] career and technical industrial, [vocational]  
16 career and technical agricultural, [vocational homemaking, and  
17 vocational] career and technical family and consumer science,  
18 and career and technical marketing and distributive occupational  
19 education schools or departments may offer instruction in day,  
20 part-time, and evening classes. Attendance upon such day,  
21 evening, or part-time classes shall be restricted to those over  
22 fourteen years of age.

23 Section 1806. Administration by School Districts.--Any  
24 school district may, through its board of school directors--

25 (1) Establish and maintain [vocational] career and technical  
26 industrial, [vocational] career and technical agricultural,  
27 [vocational homemaking, and vocational] career and technical  
28 family and consumer sciences, and career and technical marketing  
29 and distributive occupational education schools or departments.

30 (2) Receive any donation made to the school district for the





1 conduct of any [vocational] career and technical school or  
2 department or [vocational] career and technical evening classes.  
3 The donation shall be administered by or under the direction of  
4 the board of directors of the district to which it is made,  
5 subject to the approval of the [Superintendent of Public  
6 Instruction] Secretary of Education. The board of school  
7 directors in any district shall not be obliged to accept any  
8 such donation unless it seems proper so to do.

9 (3) Require a deposit fee of a sum not to exceed ten dollars  
10 (\$10) from each person enrolling in evening [vocational] career  
11 and technical schools or classes. Such deposit fee shall be  
12 returned at the close of each term of instruction to all persons  
13 so enrolled who have attended seventy-five per cent (75%) or  
14 more of the class sessions of the term and may be returned at  
15 any time because of death, sickness, or any other cause which  
16 the board may deem justifiable.

17 (4) Acquire land for the purpose of an agricultural school  
18 and equip and maintain the same in a proper manner, to be used  
19 in connection therewith.

20 Section 1807. Joint [Vocational] Career and Technical  
21 Schools or Departments.--Two or more districts may, as provided  
22 in article seventeen of this act, through a joint school  
23 committee, establish and maintain [vocational] career and  
24 technical industrial, [vocational] career and technical  
25 agricultural, [vocationalhomemaking, or vocational] career and  
26 technical family and consumer sciences, or career and technical  
27 marketing and distributive occupational education schools or  
28 departments, to be known as joint [vocational] career and  
29 technical schools or departments.

30 Section 1808. Advisory Committees.--Local school boards and



1 joint school committees administering approved [vocational]  
2 career and technical industrial, [vocational] career and  
3 technical agricultural, [vocational] homemaking, or vocational  
4 career and technical family and consumer sciences or career and  
5 technical marketing and distributive occupational education  
6 schools or departments may, under a plan to be approved by the  
7 State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical Education,  
8 appoint an advisory committee composed of members representing  
9 local trades, industries, and occupations. It shall be the duty  
10 of such a committee to counsel with and advise the local or  
11 joint board of trustees, and other school officials, having the  
12 management and supervision of such schools.

13 Section 1809. Attendance in Other Districts and Other  
14 States; Pupils from Other States.--(a) Any resident of any  
15 school district which does not maintain an approved [vocational]  
16 career and technical industrial, [vocational] career and  
17 technical agricultural, [vocational] homemaking, or vocational  
18 career and technical family and consumer sciences or career and  
19 technical marketing and distributive occupational education day,  
20 part-time, or evening class, school or department, offering the  
21 type of training which he desires, may make application to the  
22 board of school directors of any other district for admission to  
23 such school or department maintained by said board. If the board  
24 refuses him admission, he may apply to the State Board [for  
25 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education for admission to  
26 such school or department. The State Board [for Vocational] of  
27 Career and Technical Education may approve or disapprove such  
28 application. In making such decision the State Board [for  
29 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education shall take into  
30 consideration the opportunities for free [vocational] career and



1 technical training in the community in which the applicant  
2 resides, the financial status of the community, the age,  
3 preparation, aptitude, and previous record of the applicant, and  
4 all other relevant circumstances. The decision of the State  
5 Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical Education shall  
6 be final.

7 (b) Where any child of school age in any school district  
8 resides by the nearest traveled road three miles or more from  
9 the nearest [vocational] career and technical high school in any  
10 district in this Commonwealth, such child, unless proper free  
11 transportation is furnished to a suitable school in this  
12 Commonwealth, may, on request of his parents or legal guardian,  
13 be assigned by the board of school directors to a more  
14 convenient school in another state: Provided, That the consent  
15 of the proper school officials in charge of such school in  
16 another state to such an arrangement is permitted by the laws of  
17 such state, and is agreed to by such officials.

18 (c) The school district in which the person resides, who has  
19 been admitted, as above provided, to an approved [vocational]  
20 career and technical industrial, [vocational] career and  
21 technical agricultural, [vocational homemaking, vocational]  
22 career and technical family and consumer sciences, career and  
23 technical high or [vocational] career and technical marketing  
24 and distributive occupational education school or department  
25 maintained by another school district, shall pay the high school  
26 charge provided for by this act. If any school district neglects  
27 or refuses to pay for such tuition, it shall be liable therefor,  
28 in an action of contract, to the school district or school  
29 districts maintaining the school which the pupil, with the  
30 approval of the board, attended.



1 (d) The board of school directors in any school district in  
2 this Commonwealth, situate adjacent to another state, may admit  
3 to the [vocational] career and technical high school in such  
4 district pupils resident in such other state, and may receive  
5 tuition for such pupils as in the case of pupils admitted from  
6 other districts in this Commonwealth.

7 Section 1810. Approved Local or Joint [Vocational] Career  
8 and Technical Schools; State Reimbursement.--[Vocational] Career  
9 and technical industrial, [vocational] career and technical  
10 agricultural, [vocational homemaking, and vocational] career and  
11 technical family and consumer sciences, and career and technical  
12 marketing and distributive occupational education schools or  
13 departments shall, so long as they are approved by the State  
14 Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical Education as to  
15 organization, control, location, equipment, courses of study,  
16 qualifications of teachers, methods of instruction, conditions  
17 of admission, employment of pupils, and expenditures of money,  
18 constitute approved local or joint [vocational] career and  
19 technical schools. School districts maintaining such approved  
20 local or joint [vocational] career and technical schools or  
21 departments shall receive reimbursement from the Commonwealth,  
22 as provided for in this act, and shall make such certificates to  
23 the [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of  
24 Education as are required by article twenty-five of this act.

25 Section 1811. Estimate of Expenses and Reimbursements;  
26 Appropriations.--On or before the first Wednesday of January of  
27 any year in which the regular session of the Legislature is  
28 held, the State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical  
29 Education shall present to the Legislature an estimate of the  
30 amount of money necessary to meet the expenditures to be



1 incurred in the administration of this act for the fiscal year  
2 beginning with the first day of the ensuing June, 1961, and  
3 beginning with the first day of July of each year thereafter;  
4 and the amount necessary to meet the claims of school districts  
5 and unions of school districts maintaining approved [vocational]  
6 career and technical schools or departments, under the  
7 provisions of this act for the school year beginning with the  
8 first day of the preceding July. On the basis of such statement,  
9 the Legislature shall make an appropriation of such amounts as  
10 may be necessary to meet the expense of carrying this act into  
11 effect, and of reimbursing such school districts and unions of  
12 school districts for such school year as herein provided.

13 Section 43. The headings of Subarticles B and C of Article  
14 XVIII are amended to read:

15 (b) [Vocational] Career and Technical School Districts.

16 (c) Area [Vocational-Technical] Career and Technical  
17 Schools and Technical Institutes.

18 Section 44. Sections 1840.1, 1841 and 1842 of the act are  
19 amended to read:

20 Section 1840.1. Definitions.--When used in Article XVIII of  
21 this act, the following words and phrases shall have the  
22 following meanings unless otherwise required by the context:

23 "School." The word "school" shall mean an area [vocational-  
24 technical] career and technical school.

25 "Institute." The word "institute" shall mean technical  
26 institute.

27 "Attendance area." An "attendance area" shall mean a  
28 geographical area of school districts and pupils to be served by  
29 an area [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
30 institute which has been approved by the State Board [for



1 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education.

2 "Area [vocational-technical] career and technical board." An  
3 "area [vocational-technical] career and technical board" shall  
4 mean the boards of school directors of all of the participating  
5 districts acting jointly.

6 Section 1841. Area [Vocational-Technical] Career and  
7 Technical Schools and Technical Institutes Authorized.--An area  
8 [vocational-technical] career and technical board may establish,  
9 maintain, conduct and operate schools, departments or classes to  
10 prepare for [vocational] career and technical industrial,  
11 [vocational] career and technical agricultural, [vocational  
12 homemaking, business and vocational] career and technical family  
13 and consumer sciences, business, computer and information  
14 technology and career and technical marketing and distributive  
15 occupations, technical occupations, such as aides and  
16 assistants, in physical, biological, space and other sciences,  
17 mathematics, engineering, construction and design, computer  
18 programming and maintenance, and health occupations and for any  
19 other occupations requiring [vocational] career or technical  
20 training and education, to be known as "area [vocational-  
21 technical] career and technical schools," for the education of  
22 pupils, out-of-school youth and adults residing in the  
23 attendance area.

24 An area [vocational-technical] career and technical board or  
25 several area [vocational-technical] career and technical boards  
26 jointly may provide for, establish, maintain, conduct and  
27 operate schools, departments, or classes to be known as  
28 "technical institute" to educate, train and offer post high  
29 school programs and courses of not more than two years'  
30 duration, which will prepare out-of-school youth and adults for



1 competency in sub-professional, technical, health service,  
2 business, commercial, merchandising and skilled occupations and  
3 for any other occupations for which technical training is  
4 helpful to an employer and increases students' qualifications  
5 for employment. Technical institute programs and courses shall  
6 be coordinated with those offered in area [vocational-technical]  
7 career and technical schools to [insure] ensure progressive  
8 advancement of students. Such institutes shall be organized in  
9 accordance with proposals of area [vocational-technical] career  
10 and technical boards of school directors, which are approved by  
11 the State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical  
12 Education. All technical institutes shall be established,  
13 operated and in all respects conform to standards prepared by  
14 the Department of Education and adopted by the State Board [for  
15 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education. Area [vocational-  
16 technical] career and technical schools, as approved by the  
17 State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical Education,  
18 may be organized as [vocational-technical] career and technical  
19 service centers in which pupils may enroll full-time or in which  
20 pupils enrolled in academic high schools may elect to attend  
21 part-time. Technical institutes approved by the State Board [for  
22 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education may enroll out-of-  
23 school youth and adults full-time or part-time as the students  
24 may elect.

25 Area [vocational-technical] career and technical school and  
26 technical institute attendance areas and standards for courses  
27 and equipment shall be in conformity with standards prepared by  
28 the Department of Education and approved by the State Board [for  
29 Vocational] of Career and Technical Education.

30 SECTION 1842. ADVISORY COMMITTEES.--(A) EACH AREA



1 ~~[VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL]~~ career and technical BOARD OPERATING AN  
2 AREA ~~[VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL]~~ career and technical SCHOOL AND/OR  
3 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SHALL APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
4 COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL TRADES, INDUSTRIES,  
5 BUSINESS RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES, OCCUPATIONS, AND  
6 ADMINISTRATORS OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE  
7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ADVISE THE AREA ~~[VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL]~~  
8 career and technical BOARD ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE NEED FOR A  
9 PARTICULAR SHOP, LABORATORY, OCCUPATION, EQUIPMENT, CURRICULUM,  
10 LABOR MANAGEMENT COORDINATION, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL  
11 REQUIREMENTS OR SELECTION OF PERSONNEL.

12 (B) AN OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED  
13 FOR EACH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OR CLUSTER OF  
14 RELATED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY AN  
15 AREA ~~VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL~~ career and technical SCHOOL OR SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT. THE OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED  
17 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AREA ~~VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL-~~  
18 career and technical SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS APPLICABLE. A  
19 MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
20 SHALL BE EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS IN THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE  
21 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS PROVIDED. EACH  
22 OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EACH  
23 YEAR TO:

24 (1) ADVISE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF  
25 ON CURRICULUM, EQUIPMENT, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, SAFETY  
26 REQUIREMENTS, PROGRAM EVALUATION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS; AND

27 (2) VERIFY THAT THE PROGRAMS MEET INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND, IF  
28 APPROPRIATE, LICENSING BOARD CRITERIA, AND THAT THE PROGRAMS  
29 PREPARE STUDENTS WITH OCCUPATION-RELATED COMPETENCIES.

30 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B), TO INCREASE EMPLOYER





1 PARTICIPATION IN AN OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUIRED  
2 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF MULTIPLE AREA  
3 ~~VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL~~ career and technical SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL  
4 DISTRICTS OPERATING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS MAY  
5 AGREE TO ESTABLISH A SHARED OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO  
6 SERVE ALL AGREEING AREA ~~VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL~~ career and  
7 technical SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PROVIDED THAT ALL  
8 AGREEING AREA ~~VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL~~ career and technical SCHOOLS  
9 OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE SAME INTERMEDIATE  
10 UNIT. IF A SHARED OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS FORMED  
11 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL  
12 BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGREEING AREA  
13 ~~VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL~~ career and technical SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING SCHEDULING MEETINGS AT EACH  
15 AREA ~~VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL~~ career and technical SCHOOL OR SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT ON A ROTATING BASIS.

17 SECTION ~~2.2~~ 45. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO  
18 READ:

19 SECTION 1842.1. PASMART ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE CENTER.-- (A)  
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
21 INDUSTRY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
22 SHALL ESTABLISH A CENTRAL ONLINE CLEARINGHOUSE TO BE MADE  
23 AVAILABLE ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED  
24 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY. THE WEBSITE, WHICH  
25 SHALL BE AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2021-  
26 2022 SCHOOL YEAR, SHALL AT A MINIMUM INCLUDE AN ONLINE DATABASE  
27 OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 28 (1) POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS AND OPTIONS.  
29 (2) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE  
30 OPPORTUNITIES.



1 (3) CAREER PATHWAYS.

2 (4) DATA AND STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND  
3 COMPENSATION.

4 (5) STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS.

5 (6) OTHER RELEVANT CAREER RESOURCES.

6 (B) THE ONLINE DATABASE SHALL BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY  
7 STUDENTS, PARENTS, EDUCATORS, SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC.  
8 PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES MAY UTILIZE EXISTING RESOURCES OR  
9 CLEARINGHOUSES AVAILABLE FROM OTHER AGENCIES TO COMPILE THE  
10 CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION.

11 (C) PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES SHALL EXPLORE THE  
12 POSSIBILITY OF FEDERAL OR PRIVATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE  
13 CLEARINGHOUSE.

14 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, IN COOPERATION  
15 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 AGRICULTURE, SHALL ENSURE THAT THE CLEARINGHOUSE IS UPDATED  
17 ANNUALLY.

18 SECTION 1842.2. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
19 CLEARINGHOUSE.-- (A) THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
20 BOARD SHALL, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
21 CONDUCT A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF WORKFORCE  
22 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED AT SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY  
23 INSTITUTIONS. THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MAY,  
24 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, COMPILE A  
25 CLEARINGHOUSE OF MODEL PROGRAMS DISCOVERED DURING THE SURVEY.

26 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
27 AND INDUSTRY SHALL ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE MODEL PROGRAMS,  
28 WHICH MAY INCLUDE PRIORITIZING AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING FOR  
29 APPLICANTS SEEKING FUNDS TO ESTABLISH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
30 PROGRAMS WHICH ARE MODELED AFTER THE PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE



1 SURVEY, BY SECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS,  
2 POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO:

3 (1) EXPAND EXISTING PROGRAMS INTO AREAS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH  
4 WHERE THERE IS A NEED; AND

5 (2) FOSTER BUSINESS-EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS.

6 (C) THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SHALL  
7 REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND ACTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE  
8 CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
9 OF THE SENATE, THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE  
10 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
11 CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE  
12 SENATE AND THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION  
13 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NO LATER THAN ONE  
14 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

15 ~~Section 3. Section 1855 of the act is amended by adding a~~  
16 ~~subsection to read:~~

17 ~~Section 1855. Career and Technical Education Equipment~~  
18 ~~Grants. \* \* \*~~

19 Section 46. Sections 1844, 1845, 1847, 1849, 1850.1, 1850.2,  
20 1850.3, 1850.4, 1851, 1852, 1853 and 1855 of the act are amended  
21 to read:

22 Section 1844. Establishment of Schools and Institutes.--(a)  
23 The intermediate unit board of directors of each intermediate  
24 unit shall call a convention of school directors of all school  
25 districts in the intermediate unit to meet separately by  
26 attendance areas, to discuss the establishment of an area  
27 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or technical  
28 institute, as the case may be and to call upon each district to  
29 vote for or against participation in the establishment of a  
30 school or institute.



1 In addition to the method of establishing area [vocational-  
2 technical] career and technical schools and technical institutes  
3 as provided above, the intermediate unit board of directors may,  
4 at any meeting call for an election by the school directors of  
5 the districts within an attendance area to determine if an area  
6 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or technical  
7 institute shall be established. The intermediate unit board of  
8 directors shall notify, by certified mail, each school district  
9 within an attendance area of its action. At a regular or special  
10 meeting of each school board within an attendance area and  
11 within sixty days of the receipt of notification, an election  
12 shall be held to determine if the district desires to  
13 participate in the establishment of an area [vocational-  
14 technical] career and technical school or technical institute.  
15 The results of this election and the number of votes cast each  
16 way shall be certified to the intermediate unit board of  
17 directors.

18 The intermediate unit board of directors shall certify the  
19 vote conducted in convention or by mail ballot to the Department  
20 of Education and if sufficient school districts vote in the  
21 affirmative, the intermediate unit board of directors shall  
22 proceed to act as the agency to initiate the final procedures  
23 necessary to organize and establish an area [vocational-  
24 technical] career and technical school or technical institute in  
25 the attendance area. School districts indicating unwillingness  
26 to participate in the establishment of an area [vocational-  
27 technical] career and technical school or technical institute  
28 may become participating districts at a later date according to  
29 terms and conditions defined by the then participating  
30 districts.



1 In the event the intermediate unit board of directors fails  
2 to call for an election and one or more districts within an  
3 attendance area desire an election, they may request the  
4 Department of Education to conduct such election in the same  
5 manner prescribed for the intermediate unit board of directors.

6 (c) In cases where a second or third class school district  
7 maintains an approved [vocational] career and technical program,  
8 individually or jointly, such district or districts,  
9 individually or jointly, may (1) make the program part of the  
10 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school, or (2)  
11 continue to operate the program independently either as a  
12 participating or non-participating district.

13 (d) Boards of Public Education of districts of the first  
14 class A and first class may establish area [vocational-  
15 technical] career and technical schools and technical institutes  
16 by the majority vote of the members of such boards, provided  
17 such action is approved by the State Board [for Vocational] of  
18 Career and Technical Education.

19 Section 1845. Cost of Establishment, Etc., Ownership of  
20 Property.--All expenses in connection with the establishment of  
21 area [vocational-technical] career and technical schools or  
22 technical institutes and additions and improvements thereof  
23 shall be borne by the school districts participating therein in  
24 the proportions agreed on by the respective districts. Any  
25 school district not participating in the original establishment  
26 of an area [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
27 technical institute, which later elects to become a participant,  
28 shall contribute to the cost of the school an amount agreed on  
29 with the then participating districts, and shall make such  
30 further annual payments on account of obligations to the State



1 Public School Building Authority or rentals under leases with  
2 municipality authorities as shall be agreed on. All property of  
3 each area [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
4 technical institute shall be owned jointly by the several school  
5 districts participating in the establishment, maintenance and  
6 operation thereof, in the proportion the contribution of each to  
7 the cost of acquisition, construction and improvement bears to  
8 the total cost.

9 Section 1847. Attendance of Pupils from Nonparticipating  
10 Districts.--On obtaining the consent of the area [vocational-  
11 technical] career and technical board operating an area  
12 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or technical  
13 institute, and with or without the consent of the board of  
14 school directors of the district in which the pupil resides, any  
15 pupil residing in a nonparticipating district may attend the  
16 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
17 technical institute. The school district in which the pupil  
18 resides shall be charged, for each pupil attending the area  
19 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or technical  
20 institute, an amount equal to the total approved budget for  
21 current expenses, debt service and capital outlay divided by the  
22 number of pupils enrolled in the school.

23 Section 1849. Petitions for Change of Plan.--Future  
24 development of area [vocational technical] career and technical  
25 schools shall, after approval of the State plan, conform to the  
26 plan, and the school directors of a specified attendance area,  
27 having reason to question the practicability of the State plan  
28 for the specific attendance area or desiring to change the  
29 specified area, may present the case to a committee of the State  
30 Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical Education with



1 petition for change. The decision of the State board thereon  
2 shall be final.

3 Section 1850.1. Organization and Operation of Schools and  
4 Institutes.--(a) Schools and institutes shall be the  
5 responsibility of the participating boards of school directors  
6 of an approved attendance area. Such boards of school directors  
7 shall have authority to enter into a written agreement by and  
8 among themselves establishing such school or institute setting  
9 forth, inter alia, the rights and obligations of the  
10 participating districts. No change shall be made in such  
11 agreement without the consent of each participating school  
12 district first obtained, by the affirmative vote of a majority  
13 of the school directors thereof. The several participating  
14 boards of school directors shall collectively be known as the  
15 area [vocational-technical] career and technical board.

16 (b) The area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
17 board shall have authority and its duty shall be:

18 (1) To provide, as the participating districts may agree,  
19 for the assumption by the area [vocational-technical] career and  
20 technical board of obligations including, but not limited to,  
21 operating expenses, architect's fees, engineering costs,  
22 professional salaries, expenses of acquiring and maintaining  
23 sites for schools and institutes, incurred by any county board  
24 of school directors or county boards of school directors on  
25 behalf of such participating districts pursuant to prior  
26 agreements;

27 (2) To formulate and adopt policies relating to the  
28 organization, establishment and operation of the school or  
29 institute;

30 (3) To provide for the administration and operation of the



1 school or institute;

2 (4) To adopt the budgets for operation of the school or  
3 institute as prepared in the same manner provided for in section  
4 687 of this act;

5 (5) To designate a superintendent of the school or  
6 institute, provided, that [when a county board or boards is  
7 selected as the operating agent as hereinafter provided, a  
8 county superintendent of schools shall be designated as the  
9 superintendent of the school or institute, and that] when the  
10 several boards or a committee thereof operate the school or  
11 institute as hereinafter provided, a chief school administrator  
12 of a participating school district [or a county superintendent]  
13 shall be designated as superintendent of the school or  
14 institute;

15 (6) To exercise all the powers, perform the duties, and be  
16 subject to all liabilities with reference to the operation of  
17 schools and/or institutes as are now or hereafter shall be  
18 conferred or imposed by law;

19 (7) To make from time to time surveys to determine the  
20 current [vocational] career and technical needs of the  
21 participating school districts;

22 (8) To make and establish, and from time to time alter and  
23 amend, rules and regulations for the transaction of its business  
24 and for the administration of the work under its charge;

25 (9) To employ temporary professional and professional  
26 employes, supervisors and teachers, and to employ all other  
27 persons necessary to carry on [vocational-technical] career and  
28 technical education and technical institutes, and to determine  
29 the salaries to be paid. All temporary professional and  
30 professional employes so employed shall have the same rights of





1 tenure, minimum salaries and increments, leaves of absence  
2 because of illness or physical disability, leaves of absence  
3 because of death in the immediate family or death of a near  
4 relative, sabbatical leaves, military leaves, exchange teacher  
5 leaves, and membership in the Public School Employees' Retirement  
6 System as temporary professional and professional employes of  
7 school districts. No professional employe who has attained  
8 tenure status as an employe of any area [vocational-technical]  
9 career and technical board shall, thereafter, be required to  
10 serve as a temporary professional employe before being tendered  
11 such a contract when employed by any other part of the public  
12 school system of the Commonwealth;

13 (10) To purchase, lease, rent, improve and sell land, and to  
14 build, repair, improve, lease, rent, buy and sell buildings;

15 (11) To acquire real property by purchase, gift or  
16 condemnation, for the purposes of area [vocational-technical]  
17 career and technical schools and technical institutes. Such  
18 condemnation proceedings shall be instituted and conducted by  
19 the board in the name of the participating school districts in  
20 the same manner and with like authority as provided by law in  
21 the case of school districts. The title to any real estate,  
22 acquired for the purpose of establishing any such area  
23 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or institute  
24 shall be held in the name of one or more of the school districts  
25 establishing the same, as they may agree;

26 (12) To purchase, lease, rent or otherwise acquire all  
27 necessary furniture, implements, books, materials, equipment and  
28 supplies;

29 (13) When authorized by the participating school districts  
30 in the attendance area, to provide for free mandated



1 transportation of district pupils to and from the area  
2 [vocational-technical] career and technical school in which they  
3 have been accepted, and to apply and receive on behalf of the  
4 school districts in the attendance area reimbursements on  
5 account of such transportation provided;

6 (14) To make contracts with counties, cities, boroughs,  
7 towns, townships, school districts, other political  
8 subdivisions, community colleges, public and private agencies,  
9 quasi-public agencies, nonprofit corporations, the Federal  
10 Government and its agencies and instrumentalities,  
11 municipalities and other public authorities, or other persons  
12 for carrying out the purposes of this subdivision of this  
13 article;

14 (15) To make an annual report, in writing, to the Department  
15 of [Public Instruction] Education, and such other reports as the  
16 department may require;

17 (16) To adopt criteria for admitting students to area  
18 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools and  
19 technical institutes;

20 (17) To receive Federal, State, school district and other  
21 public and private funds and to expend such funds to establish,  
22 operate, improve and expand area [vocational-technical] career  
23 and technical schools and technical institutes;

24 (18) When authorized by the participating school districts,  
25 and on behalf of such districts, to enter into agreement with  
26 the State Public School Building Authority, municipal  
27 authorities, political subdivisions, municipal corporations,  
28 public and private agencies, quasi-public agencies, authorities,  
29 nonprofit corporations and the Federal Government and its agents  
30 and instrumentalities to buy land, build, alter, lease, equip



1 and operate facilities for public [vocational-technical] career  
2 and technical education and technical institutes;

3 (19) To prepare and submit to the Department of [Public  
4 Instruction] Education on or before July 1 of each year, for  
5 approval, a budget of proposed expenditures for area  
6 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools and  
7 technical institutes for the ensuing year;

8 (20) To accept pupils in area [vocational-technical] career  
9 and technical schools and technical institutes from districts  
10 not participating in their establishment and maintenance and to  
11 establish tuition charges therefor;

12 (21) To assign pupils residing within school districts  
13 participating in an area [vocational-technical] career and  
14 technical school and/or technical institutes to [vocational]  
15 career and technical schools or departments maintained by other  
16 area [vocational-technical] career and technical boards and  
17 school districts with the approval of the area [vocational-  
18 technical] career and technical boards and the district boards  
19 maintaining such schools or departments, and to pay tuition for  
20 pupils permitted to attend such area [vocational-technical]  
21 career and technical schools, technical institutes and  
22 [vocational] career and technical schools or departments;

23 (22) To locate area [vocational-technical] career and  
24 technical schools and technical institutes;

25 (23) To collect tuition and fees;

26 (24) To do all things necessary to carry into effect the  
27 purposes of this act;

28 (25) Whenever such schools and technical institutes are  
29 authorized, to prepare an estimate of the total cost of and  
30 expenditures to be made on account of each area [vocational-



1 technical] career and technical school and technical institute  
2 for the following year, such estimate shall be filed with the  
3 Department of [Public Instruction] Education no later than July  
4 1 of each year for the approval of the department;

5 (26) When authorized by the participating school districts,  
6 to establish capital reserve funds under the provisions of  
7 section 1850.4 for the purposes of purchasing equipment and  
8 maintaining facilities;

9 (c) All actions of an area [vocational-technical] career and  
10 technical board shall be by a majority vote of the members of  
11 the board either in convention or by mail ballot, whichever  
12 procedure the board shall select: Provided, That the approval of  
13 each operating budget shall require an affirmative vote of two-  
14 thirds of the participating school districts and a majority vote  
15 of all the school directors of all participating districts; and  
16 provided further, for purposes of this requirement only, the  
17 vote of any participating school district shall be determined by  
18 a majority vote of all school directors comprising such  
19 participating boards. All votes shall be duly recorded and shall  
20 show how each member voted;

21 (d) An area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
22 board shall have power to delegate the operation, administration  
23 and management of the school or institute [(1) to one or more  
24 county boards of school directors acting as agent for the area  
25 vocational-technical board; or (2)] to a joint committee elected  
26 from among the several participating boards of school directors.

27 Section 1850.2. Operation by Intermediate Unit Board of  
28 Directors Acting as an Operating Agent.--When an intermediate  
29 unit board of directors is designated as agent to operate,  
30 administer and manage a school and/or institute, such agent



1 shall discharge its duties and responsibilities in accordance  
2 with the provisions of a written agreement entered into by the  
3 area [vocational-technical] career and technical board and the  
4 intermediate unit board of directors. The agreement shall give  
5 the agent the power and authority to operate, administer and  
6 manage a school and/or institute given by law to an area  
7 [vocational-technical] career and technical board and shall  
8 provide that the agent shall conduct the affairs of the school  
9 and/or institute within the limits of the budget adopted by the  
10 area [vocational-technical] career and technical board. In no  
11 event shall the powers granted an area [vocational-technical]  
12 career and technical board by clauses (1), (4), (11), (17),  
13 (19), (22) and (25) of section 1850.1 (b) be delegated hereunder  
14 nor shall the powers granted an area [vocational-technical]  
15 career and technical board by clauses (9), (10), (12) and (14)  
16 of section 1850.1 (b) be delegated hereunder, except to the  
17 extent that the subject items are fully provided for within the  
18 current budget.

19 These same provisions shall apply when a joint committee is  
20 designated to operate and manage a school and/or institute.

21 Section 1850.3. Operation by a Joint Committee.--(a) When a  
22 joint committee is selected to operate a school and/or  
23 institute, it shall be known as the area [vocational-technical]  
24 career and technical school committee.

25 (b) The membership on such joint committee shall be  
26 determined by agreement among the boards of participating school  
27 districts, provided always that each participating school  
28 district shall have at least one member thereon.

29 (c) Each participating board of school directors shall elect  
30 one or more of its members, as the case may be, to serve on the



1 area [vocational-technical] career and technical committee. The  
2 committee members, so elected, shall serve for a three-year  
3 term, commencing the day of their election in the month of  
4 December: Provided, however, That in the first election, the  
5 terms of office of one-third of the members shall expire at the  
6 end of the first year, the terms of office of one-third of the  
7 members shall expire at the end of two years, and the terms of  
8 office of the remaining one-third shall expire at the end of the  
9 third year. The length of the terms of office of the initial  
10 members shall be determined by the casting of lots.

11 (d) Each year, during the month of December, the joint  
12 committee shall choose from its members a chairman and vice-  
13 chairman, each to serve for one year; and shall, annually,  
14 during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one  
15 year, beginning the first Monday in July following such  
16 election; and shall, during the month of May, once every four  
17 years, elect a secretary, who may or may not be a member of the  
18 area [vocational-technical] career and technical board, to serve  
19 for a term of four years, beginning the first Monday of July  
20 following such election. The joint committee shall elect interim  
21 officers to serve until the first regular December and May  
22 election meetings.

23 Section 1850.4. Capital Reserve Fund for Approved Purchases  
24 of Equipment and Facility Maintenance.--(a) Any area  
25 [vocational-technical] career and technical board shall have the  
26 power to create a special fund which may be designated as a  
27 capital reserve fund and to accumulate therein moneys to be  
28 expended, in accordance with the provisions of this section,  
29 during a period not to exceed five years from the date when the  
30 first payment was made into the fund, for the purpose of



1 purchasing equipment or maintaining facilities.

2 (b) The capital reserve fund herein provided for shall  
3 consist of funds transferred during any fiscal year from  
4 appropriations made for this particular purpose and of  
5 unencumbered funds remaining from the current and/or prior  
6 years' general fund.

7 (c) The moneys in the capital reserve fund shall be kept  
8 separate and apart from any other fund by the treasurer of the  
9 area [vocational-technical] career and technical board, and the  
10 moneys in the fund may be invested by the operating agent in  
11 securities legal for the investment of sinking fund moneys of  
12 the school district. The interest earnings on investments shall  
13 be paid into the capital reserve fund. The area [vocational-  
14 technical] career and technical school shall annually show in  
15 its financial report the amount of moneys in the capital reserve  
16 fund which shall at all times be properly identified as to  
17 purpose.

18 (d) The moneys in any such capital reserve fund may be  
19 expended only upon approval of a majority of the members of the  
20 operating agent only during the period of time for which the  
21 fund was created and only for equipment purchases or facilities  
22 maintenance projects and for no other purpose.

23 Section 1851. Establishment and Operation by the Department  
24 of [Public Instruction] Education.--Where, in the judgment of  
25 the [State Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of  
26 Education, the provisions of this act relating to the proper  
27 [vocational] career and technical education and training of  
28 children and adults have not been complied with or the  
29 [vocational] career and technical education needs of children  
30 and adults are not being adequately served, the Department of



1 [Public Instruction] Education is hereby authorized to provide,  
2 including the payment of rental when necessary, establish,  
3 maintain, administer, supervise and operate [vocational] career  
4 and technical, [vocational] career and technical industrial,  
5 [vocational] career and technical agricultural, [vocational  
6 homemaking, vocational] career and technical family and consumer  
7 sciences, career and technical marketing and distributive[,]  
8 occupational education, post high school [vocational] career and  
9 technical education or less than college level, schools,  
10 departments or classes for the proper [vocational] career and  
11 technical education and training of children and adults.

12 Eligibility for enrollment in such classes shall be determined  
13 according to standards and regulations promulgated by the State  
14 Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical Education.

15 Section 1852. Payment of Shares.--Any school district of the  
16 first, first A, second, third or fourth class establishing or  
17 participating in the establishment of an area [vocational-  
18 technical] career and technical school or a technical institute,  
19 individually, or jointly, with two or more districts, shall have  
20 the same power and authority to levy taxes to pay or to pay its  
21 share of buildings, grounds, equipment, operating expenses and  
22 other necessary expenses to establish, maintain and operate such  
23 school or institute as it has to levy taxes, to purchase land,  
24 construct and equip buildings, and operate elementary schools  
25 and any additional schools and departments as defined in section  
26 502 of this act.

27 Section 1853. Contracts to Lease.--An area [vocational-  
28 technical] career and technical board authorized to establish  
29 and operate an area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
30 school or technical institute may enter into contracts with the





1 State Public School Building Authority, [the General State  
2 Authority,] municipal authorities, nonprofit corporations,  
3 municipal corporations, political subdivisions, public and  
4 quasi-public and private agencies, Federal Government and its  
5 agencies and instrumentalities to lease lands and buildings for  
6 the purpose of operating an area [vocational-technical] career  
7 and technical school or technical institute.

8 Section 1855. Career and Technical Education Equipment

9 Grants.--(a) For the 2000-2001 fiscal year and the 2001-2002  
10 fiscal year, the Department of Education shall establish a grant  
11 program to assist area [vocational-technical] career and  
12 technical schools, school districts offering approved  
13 [vocational-technical] career and technical programs and the  
14 Thaddeus Stevens State College of Technology in purchasing  
15 equipment that meets industry standards for the purpose of  
16 providing training to students. Grants shall be limited to the  
17 purchase of equipment in the following program areas: automotive  
18 technology, auto body, diesel technology, precision machine  
19 technology, heating ventilation and air conditioning, printing,  
20 dental assisting, electronics, building trades and other program  
21 areas approved by the Secretary of Education. Grants shall be  
22 awarded by the Department of Education on a matching basis, two  
23 State dollars (\$2) for every local dollar (\$1), and shall be  
24 limited to funds appropriated for that purpose.

25 (b) For the 2016-2017 school year and for each school year  
26 thereafter, the Department of Education shall establish a grant  
27 program to assist each area [vocational-technical] career and  
28 technical school and school district with an approved  
29 [vocational] career and technical program that applies for and  
30 is approved for funding by the Department of Education to



1 purchase equipment that meets industry standards. Grants shall  
2 be distributed in an amount to be calculated as follows:

3 (1) A base amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

4 (2) A per-student amount calculated as follows:

5 (i) Multiply the average daily membership in approved  
6 [vocational] career and technical education programs for the  
7 most recent year available for each area [vocational-technical]  
8 career and technical school or school district that has been  
9 approved for funding by the Department of Education by the  
10 difference between the amount appropriated for career and  
11 technical education equipment grants and the sum of the funding  
12 distributed under paragraph (1) to all area [vocational-  
13 technical] career and technical schools and school districts.

14 (ii) Divide the product from subparagraph (i) by the sum of  
15 the average daily membership in approved [vocational] career and  
16 technical education programs for the most recent year available  
17 for all area [vocational-technical] career and technical schools  
18 and school districts that have been approved for funding by the  
19 Department of Education.

20 (b.1) A piece of equipment purchased with money from the  
21 grant program must satisfy the following criteria:

22 (1) Support student hands-on training in approved career and  
23 technical education programs that lead to high-growth or high-  
24 demand careers.

25 (2) Cost three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or more per unit or  
26 per complete set of tools.

27 (3) Retain its original shape, appearance and character with  
28 use.

29 (4) Retain its identity through fabrication or incorporation  
30 into a different or more complex unit or substance.



1 (5) Be nonexpendable, such that if the equipment is damaged  
2 or some of its parts are lost or worn out, it is more feasible  
3 to repair the equipment than to replace the equipment with an  
4 entirely new unit.

5 (6) Be expected to serve its principal purpose for more than  
6 a twelve-month fiscal period under normal conditions of use,  
7 including reasonable care and maintenance.

8 (7) Be in compliance with any other criteria determined by  
9 the Department of Education.

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11 (c) The application to apply for funding under subsection  
12 (b) shall be developed by the Department of Education within  
13 thirty days of the effective date of this section and only  
14 require the following, which may be collected electronically:

15 (1) Name, address, e-mail address and telephone number of  
16 the area [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
17 school district.

18 (2) Name, e-mail address and telephone number of an employe  
19 of the area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
20 or school district who will be available to answer questions  
21 regarding the funding application.

22 (3) Description of the equipment for which the requested  
23 funding will be used, the career and technical education program  
24 in which the equipment will be used, the date on which the  
25 occupational advisory committee recommended the purchase of the  
26 equipment and verification that the equipment will be used for  
27 technical classroom instruction.

28 (d) The Department of Education may not request or consider  
29 any information other than the information provided in the  
30 funding application.



1 (e) Each area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
2 school or school district with an approved [vocational] career  
3 and technical program that submits a completed funding  
4 application shall receive funding in the amount determined under  
5 subsection (b).

6 (f) If insufficient funds are appropriated to make payments  
7 under subsection (b), payments shall be made on a pro rata  
8 basis.

9 (g) For purposes of this section, "occupational advisory  
10 committee" shall mean an occupational advisory committee  
11 established under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 339 (relating to vocational  
12 education).

13 Section ~~4~~ 47. The act is amended by adding a section to  
14 read:

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

23 Section ~~5~~ 48. The act is amended by adding ~~an article~~  
24 ARTICLES to read:

25 ARTICLE XVIII-A

26 SCHOOLS-TO-WORK PROGRAM

27 SECTION 1801-A. SCOPE OF ARTICLE.

28 THIS ARTICLE RELATES TO THE SCHOOLS-TO-WORK PROGRAM.

29 SECTION 1802-A. 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 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY OF THE  
4 COMMONWEALTH.

5 "PROGRAM." THE SCHOOLS-TO-WORK PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER  
6 SECTION 1803-A.

7 "SCHOOL." A SCHOOL IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL,  
8 REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT  
9 OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

10 "SPONSOR." AN ENTITY WHICH IS OR WILL BE REGISTERED WITH THE  
11 DEPARTMENT AS A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND WHICH WILL HAVE  
12 THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF  
13 THE PROGRAM.

14 SECTION 1803-A. SCHOOLS-TO-WORK PROGRAM.

15 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN CONSULTATION  
16 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ESTABLISH A SCHOOLS-TO-WORK  
17 PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO SUPPORT THE  
18 ESTABLISHMENT OR ENHANCEMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
19 PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN SCHOOLS, EMPLOYERS, ORGANIZATIONS OR  
20 ASSOCIATIONS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PATHWAYS.

21 (B) GRANT PROPOSALS.--IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER  
22 THE PROGRAM, A SPONSOR MUST SUBMIT A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE  
23 DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 (1) PARTNERSHIP WITH AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL.

25 (2) LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS,  
26 INCLUDING CLASSROOM TRAINING, WORKPLACE VISITS, INTERNSHIPS,  
27 APPRENTICESHIPS, MENTORSHIPS, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES,  
28 SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSITION, CAPSTONE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION,  
29 JOB SHADOWING OR EXTERNSHIPS.

30 (3) IDENTIFICATION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS AND



1 CERTIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO FILL CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED  
2 REGIONAL LABOR MARKET NEEDS.

3 (4) DESCRIPTION OF OUTCOMES FROM THE SUCCESSFUL  
4 COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE ATTAINMENT  
5 OF INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS OR  
6 COLLEGE CREDITS, AND AN EXPLANATION OF HOW COLLEGE CREDITS  
7 EARNED WILL BE TRANSCRIPTED AND TRANSFERRABLE.

8 (5) PATHWAYS FOR TRANSITION TO A REGISTERED  
9 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM OR  
10 EMPLOYMENT.

11 (6) DEMONSTRATION OF EXISTING QUALIFIED PROGRAM  
12 PERSONNEL, OR IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL NEEDED,  
13 IF ANY, TO ESTABLISH OR INCREASE PROGRAM CAPACITY TO MEET OR  
14 CONTRIBUTE TOWARD MEETING CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED REGIONAL  
15 LABOR MARKET NEEDS.

16 (7) DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM CURRICULA.

17 (8) A PROGRAM BUDGET, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF GRANT  
18 MONEY BEING REQUESTED AND ANY ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES  
19 BEING USED FOR THE PROGRAM.

20 (C) PRIORITY OF APPLICATIONS.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE  
21 PRIORITY TO PROPOSALS THAT:

22 (1) DEMONSTRATE A STRONG NEED TO BUILD NEW OR EXISTING  
23 PROGRAM CAPACITY TO MEET OR CONTRIBUTE TOWARD MEETING CURRENT  
24 AND ANTICIPATED REGIONAL LABOR MARKET NEEDS.

25 (2) INCORPORATE STUDENTS FROM GRADES NINE THROUGH  
26 TWELVE.

27 (3) PRIORITIZE PROGRAM COMPLETION AND TRANSITION TO  
28 POST-SECONDARY TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT.

29 (4) INVOLVE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MULTIPLE SCHOOLS OR  
30 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, EMPLOYERS, ORGANIZATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS.



1           (5) DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINABILITY BY LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL  
2           FINANCIAL OR PERSONNEL RESOURCES THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE  
3           PROGRAM.

4           (D) GRANT DISTRIBUTION.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN  
5           CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AWARD GRANTS  
6           UNDER THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER GEOGRAPHIC  
7           DIVERSITY WHEN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS.

8           (E) LIMITATION.--GRANT MONEY MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE  
9           PURPOSES STATED IN THE GRANT PROPOSAL. ANY REMAINING GRANT MONEY  
10           NOT USED FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

11           SECTION 1804-A. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

12           (A) REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT.--A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL BE  
13           REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ANNUALLY DATA RELATED TO A  
14           PROGRAM, INCLUDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15                   (1) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENTERED THE PROGRAM,  
16                   SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM OR EARNED INDUSTRY-  
17                   RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS OR COLLEGE CREDITS,  
18                   INCLUDING DESCRIPTIONS AND TOTALS OF EACH CREDENTIAL.

19                   (2) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO TRANSITIONED TO POST-  
20                   SECONDARY TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT.

21                   (3) OTHER DATA DEEMED RELEVANT OR NECESSARY BY THE  
22                   DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

23           (B) ANNUAL REPORTING.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN  
24           INITIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN TWO YEARS OF  
25           COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM AND A REPORT EACH YEAR THEREAFTER  
26           THAT THE PROGRAM IS IN EFFECT.

27           SECTION 1805-A. NOTICE OF FUNDING.

28           UPON THE INITIAL APPROPRIATION OF SUFFICIENT MONEY TO CARRY  
29           OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR A DETERMINATION BY THE  
30           DEPARTMENT THAT SUFFICIENT MONEY IS AVAILABLE FROM EXISTING



1 SOURCES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, THE  
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT NOTICE THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE  
3 IMPLEMENTED WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE  
4 BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

5 SECTION 1806-A. EXPIRATION.

6 THIS ARTICLE SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024, OR FIVE YEARS AFTER  
7 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

8 ARTICLE XIX-H

9 CLASSIFICATION OF PROGRAM CODE

10 Section 1901-H. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Classification of program code." A numerical coding of  
15 instructional programs developed by the United States Department  
16 of Education used to identify career and technical programs.

17 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
18 Commonwealth.

19 "Public school entity." A school district, charter school,  
20 regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit  
21 or area career and technical school.

22 Section 1902-H. Establishment or renewal of classification of  
23 program code.

24 The department shall establish a standard application form  
25 for a public school entity seeking approval to establish or  
26 renew a classification of program code. The form shall be  
27 published on the department's publicly accessible Internet  
28 website. The form shall require the following information:

29 (1) The name of the public school entity seeking  
30 approval to establish or renew a classification of program





1 code.

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

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

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

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

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

10 (7) Any additional information that the department deems  
11 necessary to determine whether to approve or disapprove of  
12 the classification of program code.

13 Section 1903-H. Submission of applications.

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

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

19 (a) Notice.--No later than May 31 of the year the department  
20 receives an application under section 1902-H, the department  
21 shall notify a public school entity which submitted the  
22 application whether the department approved or denied the  
23 application.

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

28 Section 49. Sections 1922, 1925, 1901-A(4) and (5), 1905-  
29 A(a) (7), 1913-A(b) (1.2), 1908-B(b), 1901-C(1) and (6), 1901-D(5)  
30 and 1903-D(b) (1) of the act are amended to read:



1 Section 1922. [Vocational] Career and technical Education  
2 for Out-of-School Youth and Adults.--The board of school  
3 directors of any school district, when requested in writing by  
4 twenty (20) or more out-of-school youth or adults having an  
5 administratively feasible educational objective which has been  
6 provided for in the State Plan for [Vocational] Career and  
7 Technical Education for which facilities are available, shall  
8 inaugurate and maintain such programs so long as enrollment  
9 conditions warrant.

10 Section 1925. Pupils Less than Six or More than Twenty-  
11 one.--Any board of school directors may admit persons less than  
12 six years of age, or more than twenty-one years of age, to  
13 suitable special or [vocational] career and technical schools or  
14 departments.

15 Section 1901-A. Definitions.--The following words and  
16 phrases, as used in this article, shall, unless a different  
17 meaning is plainly required by the context, have the following  
18 meaning:

19 \* \* \*

20 (4) "Community college" shall mean a public college or  
21 technical institute which is established and operated in  
22 accordance with the provisions of this act by a local sponsor  
23 which provides a two-year, postsecondary, college-parallel,  
24 terminal-general, terminal-technical, out-of-school youth or  
25 adult education program or any combination of these. The  
26 community college may also provide area [vocational-technical]  
27 career and technical education services and credit, nonremedial  
28 college courses to secondary senior high school students.

29 (5) "Community college plan" shall mean a plan prepared in  
30 accordance with the policies, standards, rules and regulations



1 of the State Board of Education for the establishment or  
2 operation of a community college and shall include a survey of  
3 any industrial development and manpower needs of the area and of  
4 any [vocational] career and technical and occupational shortage  
5 and the means by which the community college program and  
6 curriculum shall further industrial development, reduce  
7 unemployment and improve employable skills of residents of the  
8 area to be served by the community college.

9 \* \* \*

10 Section 1905-A. Powers and Duties of Board of Trustees.--(a)  
11 The affairs of any community college established under this act  
12 shall be administered and supervised by a board of trustees.  
13 Subject to any law and to any policies, standards, rules and  
14 regulations adopted by the State Board of Education provided for  
15 community colleges, the board shall, for the purpose of  
16 establishing, operating and maintaining a community college,  
17 have the power, and its duty shall be:

18 \* \* \*

19 (7) To enter into contracts for services to high schools of  
20 member districts to provide area [vocational-technical] career  
21 and technical education services.

22 \* \* \*

23 Section 1913-A. Financial Program; Reimbursement of  
24 Payments.--\* \* \*

25 (b) \* \* \*

26 (1.2) The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the  
27 community colleges, shall promulgate standards for credit  
28 courses and for noncredit courses that will be eligible for  
29 Commonwealth reimbursement. The standards shall specifically  
30 exclude from eligibility for reimbursement any course or program



1 in [avocational] noncareer, nontechnical or recreational  
2 pursuits. The standards shall be promulgated by the beginning of  
3 the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Until such standards are promulgated,  
4 no community college will be reimbursed for any credit course  
5 which was offered by such college as a noncredit course during  
6 the college's 1992-1993 fiscal year.

7 \* \* \*

8 Section 1908-B. Individuals Eligible for Admission.--\* \* \*

9 (b) The course of instruction shall be the equivalent level  
10 of a two-year postsecondary institution which shall include  
11 [vocational-technical] career and technical education of no more  
12 than two years leading to the awarding of certificates or  
13 associate degrees, when approved by the Secretary of Education  
14 in accordance with rules and regulations established by the  
15 State Board for this level of education, for the purpose of  
16 fitting pupils to pursue effectively a recognized profitable  
17 employment.

18 Section 1901-C. Definitions.--For purposes of this article,  
19 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

20 (1) "Alternative education program" or "program." Any  
21 applicant's program applying for funds under this article, which  
22 program is implemented by a school district, an area  
23 [vocational-technical] career and technical school, a group of  
24 school districts or an intermediate unit, which removes  
25 disruptive students from regular school programs in order to  
26 provide those students with a sound educational course of study  
27 and counseling designed to modify disruptive behavior and return  
28 the students to a regular school curriculum. Notwithstanding  
29 section 1502, alternative education programs may operate outside  
30 the normal school day of the applicant district, including



1 Saturdays. School districts and private alternative education  
2 institutions operating pursuant to the provisions of Article  
3 XIX-E shall adopt a policy for periodic review of those students  
4 placed in their respective alternative education program for  
5 disruptive students. This review shall occur, at a minimum, at  
6 the end of every semester the student is in the program or more  
7 frequently at the district's or private alternative education  
8 institution's discretion. The purpose of this review is to  
9 determine whether or not the student is ready to return to the  
10 regular school curriculum. Programs may include services for  
11 students returning from placements or who are on probation  
12 resulting from being adjudicated delinquent in a proceeding  
13 under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters) or who  
14 have been judged to have committed a crime under an adult  
15 criminal proceeding.

16 \* \* \*

17 (6) "School." Any school classified by the Department of  
18 Education as a middle school, junior high school, senior high  
19 school or area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
20 school.

21 \* \* \*

22 Section 1901-D. Definitions.--For purposes of this article:

23 \* \* \*

24 (5) "Postsecondary education resources." The term includes,  
25 but is not limited to, area [vocational-technical] career and  
26 technical schools, degree-granting institutions of higher  
27 education accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the  
28 Federal Government, institutions licensed under the act of  
29 December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the "Private  
30 Licensed Schools Act," professional, [vocational] career and



1 technical or occupational certification or licensure programs  
2 and educational technology.

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 1903-D. Powers and Duties of Community Education  
5 Council.--\* \* \*

6 (b) Postsecondary educational opportunities may include, but  
7 are not limited to, any of the following:

8 (1) Programs, courses or classes leading to professional,  
9 [vocational] career and technical or occupational certification  
10 or licensure, an associate degree, a bachelor's degree or a  
11 master's degree.

12 \* \* \*

13 Section 50. The definition of "school entity" in section  
14 1901-E of the act is amended to read:

15 Section 1901-E. Definitions.--For purposes of this article,  
16 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

17 \* \* \*

18 "School entity." A school district, joint school, charter  
19 school, area [vocational-technical] career and technical school,  
20 combination of school districts or intermediate unit.

21 Section 51. The definition of "eligible applicant" in  
22 section 1901-F of the act is amended to read:

23 Section 1901-F. Definitions.

24 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
25 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
26 context clearly indicates otherwise:

27 \* \* \*

28 "Eligible applicant." Any of the following:

29 (1) An institution of higher education.

30 (2) An institution of higher education in partnership



1 with one or more of the following:

2 (i) Another institution of higher education.

3 (ii) An area [vocational-technical] career and  
4 technical school or [ATVS] area vocational-technical  
5 school, as defined under 22 Pa. Code § 4.3 (relating to  
6 definitions).

7 (iii) A community education council as defined under  
8 section 1901-D.

9 (iv) A private licensed school as the term is  
10 defined under section 2 of the act of December 15, 1986  
11 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools  
12 Act, that is authorized to confer the degree of Associate  
13 in Specialized Technology or Associate in Specialized  
14 Business and is accredited by the Accrediting Commission  
15 of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology or the  
16 Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

17 \* \* \*

18 Section 52. Sections 1906-G(a) (2) and 1907-G(a) (9) of the  
19 act are amended to read:

20 Section 1906-G. Establishment.

21 (a) General rule.--No later than December 31, 2016, the  
22 board of trustees appointed under section 1905-G shall submit to  
23 the secretary a proposed rural regional college plan in such  
24 form and containing such information as the secretary may  
25 require. In addition to other information which may be required  
26 by the secretary, the plan shall include the following:

27 \* \* \*

28 (2) A survey of the educational, [vocational] career and  
29 technical and occupational needs of the area and the means by  
30 which the proposed rural regional college will meet those



1 needs, reengage high school dropouts to earn their secondary  
2 credentials and postsecondary credentials or industry  
3 certification, reduce unemployment and improve the employable  
4 skills of residents of the area to be served by the rural  
5 regional college.

6 \* \* \*

7 Section 1907-G. Powers and duties of board of trustees.

8 (a) General rule.--The board of trustees appointed under  
9 section 1905-G shall administer and supervise the affairs of the  
10 rural regional college established under this article. Subject  
11 to any other law and to any regulations promulgated by the State  
12 Board pertaining to rural regional colleges, the board of  
13 trustees shall have the following powers and duties:

14 \* \* \*

15 (9) To enter into contracts for services to high schools  
16 located in the area designated by the secretary under section  
17 1904-G to provide services, including area [vocational-  
18 technical] career and technical education services.

19 \* \* \*

20 Section 53. (Reserved).

21 Section 54. The definition of "low-achieving school" in  
22 section 2002-B of the act is amended to read:

23 Section 2002-B. Definitions.

24 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
25 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
26 context clearly indicates otherwise:

27 \* \* \*

28 "Low-achieving school." A public school that ranked in the  
29 lowest 15% of the school's designation as an elementary school  
30 or a secondary school based on combined mathematics and reading





1 scores from the annual assessment administered in the previous  
2 school year and for which the Department of Education has posted  
3 results on the Department of Education's publicly accessible  
4 Internet website. The term does not include a charter school,  
5 cyber charter school or area [vocational-technical] career and  
6 technical school.

7 \* \* \*

8 Section ~~6~~ 55. Sections 2001-C and 2003-C of the act are  
9 amended to read:

10 Section 2001-C. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Advanced Placement Program." A program authorized by the  
15 college board that allows a student to study college-level  
16 subjects while enrolled in high school and to receive advanced  
17 placement and college credit for earning a qualified score on  
18 the course-related Advanced Placement Program exam.

19 "Career, technical or applied courses." Courses usually  
20 offered as part of an associate degree curriculum designed to  
21 prepare students for entry-level professions, not for transfer  
22 to baccalaureate programs for advanced studies.

23 "College-Level Examination Program." A set of standardized  
24 tests developed by the college board for various subjects, and  
25 on which a qualifying score can be used to earn college credit.

26 "Community college." An institution created pursuant to  
27 Article XIX-A or the act of August 24, 1963 (P.L.1132, No.484),  
28 known as the Community College Act of 1963.

29 "Credit for prior learning." College-level credit granted  
30 toward the award of a postsecondary degree or certificate for



1 experiential learning that can be demonstrated through various  
2 means of assessment to be the equivalent of learning gained  
3 through formal collegiate instruction, including an Advanced  
4 Placement Program exam, International Baccalaureate Diploma  
5 Program exam, a College-Level Examination Program exam and  
6 Dantes Subject Standardized Tests.

7 "Dantes Subject Standardized Tests." A set of subject exams  
8 approved by the American Council on Education that tests  
9 knowledge of both lower-level and upper-level college material.

10 ["Degree objective courses." Courses required for completion  
11 of a major in a subject area.]

12 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
13 Commonwealth.

14 "Developmental or remedial courses." Courses typically  
15 consisting of reading, writing and math designed to prepare  
16 students for college-level courses and that are not  
17 transferable.

18 "Equivalent courses." Courses determined to have generally  
19 equivalent content and level as determined by the faculty of an  
20 institution of higher education consistent with the policy at  
21 each institution of higher education.

22 "Foundation courses." Courses required to be completed by  
23 students that provide an academic foundation for the degree,  
24 general education or advanced study in a major.

25 "Independent institution of higher education." An  
26 institution of higher education which is operated not for  
27 profit, located in and incorporated or chartered by the  
28 Commonwealth and entitled to confer degrees as set forth in 24  
29 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to power to confer degrees) and to  
30 apply to itself the designation "college" or "university" as



1 provided for by the standards and qualifications prescribed by  
2 the State Board of Education pursuant to 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65  
3 (relating to private colleges, universities and seminaries).

4 "Industry-recognized credential." A credential that:

5 (1) is sought or accepted by employers within the  
6 industry or sector involved as a recognized, preferred or  
7 required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring,  
8 retention or advancement purposes;

9 (2) where appropriate, is endorsed by a nationally  
10 recognized trade association or organization representing a  
11 significant part of the industry or sector; and

12 (3) is approved by the department.

13 "Institution of higher education." Any of the accredited  
14 following:

15 (1) A public institution of higher education.

16 (2) A rural regional college.

17 (3) A State-related institution.

18 (4) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

19 "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program." An  
20 academically challenging two-year precollege diploma program  
21 comprised of three core requirements and six academic subject  
22 areas with final examinations that prepare students, 16 to 19  
23 years of age, for higher education and life in a global society.

24 "Public institution of higher education." A community  
25 college or an institution which is part of the State System of  
26 Higher Education pursuant to Article XX-A.

27 "Public school." Any of the following:

28 (1) A school district.

29 (2) An intermediate unit.

30 (3) An area career and technical school.



1           (4) A charter school as defined in section 1703-A.

2           (5) A regional charter school as defined in section  
3           1703-A.

4           (6) A cyber charter school as defined in section 1703-A.  
5           "Rural regional college." A rural regional college operating  
6           under Article XIX-G.

7           "State-related institution." The Pennsylvania State  
8           University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University,  
9           Lincoln University and their branch campuses.

10          "Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee." The  
11          committee established under section 2004-C.

12          Section 2003-C. Duties of [public] institutions of higher  
13                  education and [State-related institutions] public  
14                  schools.

15          (a) Agreements.--Each [public] institution of higher  
16          education and [State-related institution] public school shall  
17          provide the Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee and  
18          the department with copies of all articulation agreements for  
19          inclusion in the electronic database or software program and  
20          portal provided for under section 2005-C(4) within 180 days of  
21          the effective date of this section and within 30 days of  
22          entering into any subsequent articulation agreement.

23          (b) Reporting requirements.--The following shall apply to  
24          reporting requirements:

25                  (1) Each [public] institution of higher education [and  
26                  State-related institution] shall submit to the department a  
27                  series of interim reports that describe the status of the  
28                  institution's articulation agreements, which shall include  
29                  all of the following:

30                          (i) The number of students who have transferred to



1 the [public] institution of higher education [or State-  
2 related institution] by institution of origin within the  
3 last academic year or since submittal of the  
4 institution's last interim report required under this  
5 section.

6 (ii) The total number of credits completed by  
7 transfer students at the institution of origin.

8 (iii) The total number of credits from each  
9 institution of origin that transferred to the [public]  
10 institution of higher education [or State-related  
11 institution] for each academic year. This subparagraph  
12 shall not apply to a community college.

13 (iv) An explanation of the credit transfer process  
14 at the institution.

15 (v) Any other information related to the credit  
16 transfer process as requested by the department,  
17 including the useability of transfer credits.

18 (2) Each [public] institution of higher education [and  
19 State-related institution] shall submit its first interim  
20 report required under this section 180 days after the  
21 effective date of this section and by September 30 of each  
22 year thereafter.

23 Section 7 56. Section 2004-C(a)(1) introductory paragraph is  
24 amended and subsection (c) is amended by adding a paragraph to  
25 read:

26 Section 2004-C. Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee.

27 (a) Establishment and membership.--

28 (1) In order to develop and implement equivalency  
29 standards as provided for in subsection (c)(1) and provide  
30 access to articulation agreements, there is hereby



1 established within the department, the Transfer and  
2 Articulation Oversight Committee. The committee shall be  
3 comprised of the following members:

4 \* \* \*

5 (c) Duties of Transfer and Articulation Oversight  
6 Committee.--The committee shall:

7 \* \* \*

8 (7) Meet on a regular basis at least quarterly.

9 Section ~~8~~ 57. Section 2005-C(4) of the act is amended to  
10 read:

11 Section 2005-C. Duties of department.

12 The department shall:

13 \* \* \*

14 (4) Provide for an electronic database or software  
15 program and portal for the purpose of providing access to all  
16 of the following information on an Internet website:

17 (i) Articulation agreements and agreements that  
18 award credit for an industry-recognized credential  
19 entered into by [public institutions of higher education  
20 and institutions that elect to participate under section  
21 2006-C.] institutions of higher education, public schools  
22 and institutions described under clause (C). The  
23 following apply:

24 (A) The department shall extract transfer  
25 information from each articulation agreement and each  
26 agreement that awards credit for an industry-  
27 recognized credential and enter the information into  
28 the electronic database or software program and  
29 portal and provide a meaningful, user-friendly and  
30 interactive search engine for access to the



1 information.

2 (B) The department shall, within 60 days of  
3 receiving an articulation agreement or agreement that  
4 awards credit for an industry-recognized credential,  
5 update the database and post each articulation  
6 agreement and each agreement that awards credit for  
7 an industry-recognized credential on its publicly  
8 accessible Internet website.

9 (C) An institution which is not subject to the  
10 duties under section 2003-C may submit to the  
11 department any articulation agreement or agreement  
12 that awards credit for an industry-recognized  
13 credential into which the institution enters. Each  
14 submitted articulation agreement and each agreement  
15 that awards credit for an industry-recognized  
16 credential shall be subject to this paragraph.

17 (ii) The annual report to the General Assembly as  
18 required by section 2004-C(c) (5).

19 [(iii) At the request of a public institution of  
20 higher education or an institution that elects to  
21 participate under section 2006-C, any articulation  
22 agreements.]

23 Section 58. The definition of "school entity" in section  
24 2001-H of the act, added June 22, 2018 (P.L.241, No.39), is  
25 amended to read:

26 Section 2001-H. Definitions.

27 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
28 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
29 context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 \* \* \*



1 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area  
2 [vocational-technical] career and technical school, charter  
3 school, cyber charter school or regional charter school.

4 \* \* \*

5 Section 59. Sections 2110(b), 2401(8), 2501(1), (9), (10),  
6 (11), (11.1) and (14.1), 2502(a) and (c) and 2502.6(b) of the  
7 act are amended to read:

8 Section 2110. Eligible Lists of Persons Qualified to Teach;  
9 Appointments.--\* \* \*

10 (b) Except as superintendent of schools, associate  
11 superintendent, assistant district superintendent, director of a  
12 special branch, or as a principal of a high school, junior high  
13 school, state teachers' college, or [vocational] career and  
14 technical school, no person shall be appointed, promoted, or  
15 transferred to any educational position in the public school  
16 system, in school districts of the first class, whose name does  
17 not appear among the three highest names upon the proper  
18 eligible list, and in school districts of the first class A,  
19 whose name does not appear among the top five names upon the  
20 proper eligible list, or within the top ten per centum (10%) of  
21 the names upon the list, whichever is greater. No person holding  
22 a position at the time of the passage of this act shall be  
23 displaced by the above provisions.

24 Section 2401. By Whom Audited.--The finances of every school  
25 district and of every joint school board, in every department  
26 thereof, together with the accounts of all school treasurers,  
27 school depositories, teachers' retirement funds, teachers'  
28 institute funds, directors' association funds, sinking funds,  
29 and other funds belonging to or controlled by the district,  
30 shall be properly audited as follows:





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2 [(8) In county vocational school districts, by the county  
3 auditors or county controller.]

4 \* \* \*

5 Section 2501. Definitions.--For the purposes of this article  
6 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

7 (1) "District Pupils" of a school district shall designate  
8 all pupils enrolled in the public schools of the Commonwealth,  
9 and of adjacent states, who are residents of a given school  
10 district[, except those pupils who are enrolled in the public  
11 schools maintained by the vocational school district, the  
12 territorial limits of which include the school district.

13 "District Pupils" of a vocational school district shall  
14 designate all pupils enrolled in the public schools, maintained  
15 by the vocational school district who are residents of the  
16 district.]

17 \* \* \*

18 (9) "Real Property Valuation." A school district's[,  
19 vocational school district's] or municipality's real property  
20 valuation, to be used for purposes of computing the basic  
21 account standard reimbursement fraction, the subsidiary account  
22 reimbursement fraction, the aid ratio, the market value/income  
23 aid ratio and the equalized millage, shall be the valuation  
24 placed upon its taxable real property by the State Tax  
25 Equalization Board.

26 \* \* \*

27 (10) "Number of District Teaching Units for Purposes of  
28 Determination of Basic Account Standard Reimbursement Fraction,  
29 and Subsidiary Account Reimbursement Fraction." A school  
30 district's [or vocational school district's] number of district



1 teaching units for purposes of determination of the basic  
2 account standard reimbursement fraction and the subsidiary  
3 account reimbursement fraction shall be obtained as follows: (i)  
4 divide by twenty-two (22) the number of district pupils in  
5 average daily membership in a public high school and in high  
6 school grades of a laboratory school of a State-owned college  
7 during the preceding school term, (ii) divide by thirty (30) the  
8 number of district pupils in average daily membership in a  
9 public elementary school and laboratory school of a State-owned  
10 college during the preceding school term, and (iii) add the  
11 quotients obtained under (i) and (ii) above, except when the  
12 pupil-teacher ratio exceeds thirty-three (33), in which case,  
13 the sum obtained under (i) and (ii) above shall be multiplied by  
14 thirty-three (33) and the product so obtained shall be divided  
15 by the pupil-teacher ratio of the district. No school district  
16 [or vocational school district] shall be credited with less than  
17 one teaching unit. No school district [or vocational school  
18 district] shall be assigned a basic account standard  
19 reimbursement fraction lower in value than the minimum  
20 instruction subsidy divided by the maximum instruction subsidy.  
21 All one-room schools operated in accordance with the provisions  
22 of this act shall, if their operation is approved, be credited  
23 with at least one teaching unit. The State Board of Education  
24 shall withhold its approval of any one-room one-teacher school,  
25 unless (i) topography, distance or condition of roads are such  
26 as to make transportation of pupils impractical, or (ii) it is  
27 impossible to accommodate pupils in existing graded schools in  
28 the district or other districts, or (iii) the district is  
29 financially unable to construct a consolidated school.

30 \* \* \*



1 (11) "Actual Instruction Expense Per Elementary Teaching  
2 Unit, Actual Instruction Expense Per Elementary Teaching Unit in  
3 a Laboratory School of a State-owned College, Actual Instruction  
4 Expense Per Secondary Teaching Unit, Actual Instruction Expense  
5 Per Secondary Teaching Unit in a Laboratory School of a State-  
6 owned College, Actual Instruction Expense Per Joint Elementary  
7 Teaching Unit, Actual Instruction Expense Per Joint Secondary  
8 Teaching Unit, Actual Instruction Expense Per Area Technical  
9 School Teaching Unit." In 1958 in the month of September and  
10 thereafter annually in the month of September, the Department of  
11 [Public Instruction] Education shall calculate for each school  
12 district for the immediately preceding school year the actual  
13 instruction expense per elementary teaching unit for elementary  
14 pupils educated in the district's public schools, the actual  
15 instruction expense per secondary teaching unit for secondary  
16 pupils educated in the district's public schools, the actual  
17 instruction expense per joint elementary teaching unit for  
18 elementary pupils educated in elementary schools of jointures of  
19 which the district is a member, the actual instruction expense  
20 per joint secondary teaching unit for secondary pupils educated  
21 in secondary schools of jointures of which the district is a  
22 member, the actual instruction expense per area technical school  
23 teaching unit for pupils educated in area technical schools in  
24 which the district participates, the actual instruction expense  
25 per elementary teaching unit for elementary pupils residing in  
26 the district and educated in the public schools of other  
27 districts within the Commonwealth, and the actual instruction  
28 expense per secondary teaching unit for secondary pupils  
29 residing in the district and educated in the public schools of  
30 other districts within the Commonwealth. In each case, actual



1 instruction expense per teaching unit shall be the sum of (i)  
2 and (ii) below but in no case shall include expenses for debt  
3 service, capital outlay, rentals of capital facilities and  
4 equipment, salaries and expenses for school nurses, for medical  
5 and dental services, for driver education courses, for  
6 reimbursable transportation of pupils, for tuition paid to other  
7 school districts, for reimbursable board and lodging in lieu of  
8 transportation, for salaries of directors and supervisors of  
9 special education, public school psychologists, principals of  
10 special schools and assistants, teachers of approved special  
11 classes for physically and mentally handicapped children, clerks  
12 and assistants employed in programs for special education, for  
13 school district contributions to the retirement fund on behalf  
14 of directors and supervisors of special education, public school  
15 psychologists, principals of special schools and assistants,  
16 teachers of approved special classes for physically and mentally  
17 handicapped children, clerks and assistants employed in programs  
18 for special education, for the cost of textbooks and supplies of  
19 the second class used in special education classes or schools,  
20 for extension schools and classes, for extension recreation  
21 activities, for [vocational] career and technical extension  
22 education, or for instruction of homebound children. (i)  
23 Expenses of general control per teaching unit. Expenses of  
24 general control shall include: salaries, supplies and other  
25 expenses of the secretary's office; commission or salary of  
26 treasurer, tax collector, auditors and legal service; expenses  
27 of census enumeration and other expenses of business  
28 administration; salaries of the superintendent of schools and  
29 clerks of the superintendent of schools; expenses of supplies  
30 and other expenses of the superintendent of schools' office; and



1 other expenses of general control. In the case of computation of  
2 actual instruction expense per elementary teaching unit for  
3 district pupils educated in the schools of the district and for  
4 district pupils educated in the public schools of other  
5 districts within the Commonwealth and actual instruction expense  
6 per secondary teaching unit for district pupils educated in the  
7 schools of the district and for district pupils educated in the  
8 public schools of other districts within the Commonwealth,  
9 expenses of general control per teaching unit shall be  
10 calculated by dividing the foregoing listed expenses of general  
11 control of the school district by the number of teaching units  
12 based on the number of all pupils who are residents of the  
13 school district and are in average daily membership in the  
14 public schools of the Commonwealth. In the case of computation  
15 of actual instruction expense per joint elementary teaching unit  
16 and actual instruction expense per joint secondary teaching  
17 unit, expenses of general control per teaching unit shall be  
18 calculated by dividing the foregoing listed expenses of general  
19 control of the school district by the number of teaching units  
20 based on the number of all pupils who are residents of the  
21 school district and are in average daily membership in the  
22 public schools of the Commonwealth, and adding thereto the  
23 quotient obtained by dividing the foregoing listed expenses of  
24 general control of the joint school district by the number of  
25 joint teaching units based on the number of pupils who are  
26 residents of school districts that are members of the joint  
27 school district and are in average daily membership in the  
28 schools of the joint school district. In the case of computation  
29 of actual instruction expense per area technical school teaching  
30 unit, expenses of general control per teaching unit shall be



1 computed by dividing the foregoing listed expenses of general  
2 control of the school district by the number of teaching units  
3 based on the total number of all pupils who are residents of the  
4 school district and are in average daily membership in the  
5 public schools of the Commonwealth, and adding thereto the  
6 quotient obtained by dividing the foregoing listed expenses of  
7 general control of the area technical school by the number of  
8 area technical school teaching units based on the number of  
9 pupils who are residents of districts participating in the area  
10 technical school and are in average daily membership in the area  
11 technical school. (ii) Expenses of the school district, joint  
12 school district, area technical school, or such other school  
13 district within the Commonwealth in which the districts' pupils  
14 are educated, as the case may be, on account of instruction,  
15 auxiliary agencies and coordinate activities, operation of  
16 school plant, maintenance of school plant, and fixed charges,  
17 and each separately for elementary and for secondary schools,  
18 per teaching unit, calculated by dividing the sums of (a), (b),  
19 (c), (d), and (e) below by the numbers of elementary, secondary,  
20 joint elementary, joint secondary, and area technical school  
21 teaching units, respectively, based on the number of all pupils  
22 on an equivalent full-time basis in average daily membership in  
23 the public schools of the district, or joint district, or the  
24 area technical school, or other school district within the  
25 Commonwealth in which pupils of the district are educated, as  
26 the case may be; (a) expenses of instruction, to include  
27 salaries of supervisors and other expenses of supervisors,  
28 salaries of principals and principals' clerks, supplies of the  
29 principals' offices, other expenses of supervision, teachers'  
30 and teacher-librarians, salaries, textbooks, library books,



1 supplies used in instruction including library supplies,  
2 expenses of attending teachers' institutes, commencement  
3 exercise and exhibit expenses, and other expenses of  
4 instruction, (b) expenses of auxiliary agencies and coordinate  
5 activities, to include salaries, books, repairs, replacements,  
6 and other expenses of public libraries, and non-reimbursable  
7 transportation and board and lodging in lieu of transportation,  
8 and provisions for tubercular and undernourished children,  
9 community lectures, social centers and recreation, enforcement  
10 of attendance, and other expenses of auxiliary agencies and  
11 coordinate activities, (c) expenses of operation of school  
12 plant, to include wages of janitors and other employes, fuel,  
13 water, light, power, janitors' supplies, care of grounds,  
14 services other than personal, telephone rental, and other  
15 expenses of operation, (d) expenses of maintenance of school  
16 plant, to include upkeep of grounds, repair of buildings,  
17 repairs and replacements, heating, plumbing, lighting, apparatus  
18 used in instruction, furniture, and other equipment, (e)  
19 expenses of fixed charges, to include payments made to the  
20 retirement board, rent, all insurance, and other fixed charges:  
21 Provided, That the actual instruction expense for elementary  
22 teaching unit for district pupils educated in the elementary  
23 grades of a laboratory school of a State-owned college and the  
24 actual instruction expenses for secondary teaching unit for  
25 district pupils educated in the high school grades of a  
26 laboratory school of a State-owned college shall be computed by  
27 (i) dividing the total amount of money paid to the State-owned  
28 college by the resident district for the education of all  
29 resident elementary children enrolled in a laboratory school of  
30 a State-owned college by the number of such elementary teaching



1 units based on the total number of such resident children in  
2 average daily membership in the laboratory school, (ii) dividing  
3 the total amount of money paid to the State-owned college by the  
4 resident district for the education of all resident secondary  
5 children enrolled in a laboratory school of a State-owned  
6 college by the number of such secondary teaching units based on  
7 the total number of such resident children in average daily  
8 membership in the laboratory school. The teaching units are  
9 computed on the basis of thirty (30) equivalent full time  
10 elementary children and twenty-two (22) equivalent full time  
11 secondary children.

12 (11.1) "Actual Instruction Expense per Weighted Average  
13 Daily Membership." For the school year 1966-1967, and each  
14 school year thereafter, the [Superintendent of Public  
15 Instruction] Secretary of Education shall calculate for each  
16 school district the actual instruction expense per weighted  
17 average daily membership for each district pupil. The actual  
18 instruction expense shall include all General Fund expenses of  
19 the district except those for health services, transportation,  
20 debt service, capital outlay, home-bound instruction, and  
21 outgoing transfers to community colleges and technical  
22 institutes. From this cost shall be deducted the amount received  
23 from the State for driver's education; special class operation;  
24 [vocational] career and technical curriculums; area [vocational]  
25 career and technical schools; payments of tuition by district  
26 patrons, parents, the State and Federal government; and all  
27 moneys received from the State or Federal government under  
28 Public Laws 89-10 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act), 88-  
29 452 (Economic Opportunity Act), and 87-415 (Manpower Training  
30 and Development Act) and for projects under section 2508.3 of





1 this act. The actual instruction expense so determined, when  
2 divided by the weighted average daily membership for the  
3 district shall be the actual instruction expense per weighted  
4 average daily membership.

5 \* \* \*

6 (14.1) "Market Value/Income Aid Ratio." For purposes of  
7 reimbursement to a school district under subsections (d), (e),  
8 and (f) of section 2502, section 2502.8, section 2502.22,  
9 section 2502.25, section 2502.26 and section 2592, or to an  
10 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and  
11 technical school, shall be the Commonwealth's method of  
12 determining the combined market value and income wealth for each  
13 pupil, and shall be computed, for the school year for which  
14 reimbursement is being paid, as follows:

15 (a) (i) Divide the market value per weighted average daily  
16 membership of the district, intermediate unit or area  
17 [vocational-technical] career and technical school by the market  
18 value per weighted average daily membership of the State;

19 (ii) Determine the product of subsection (a) (i) multiplied  
20 by .5;

21 (iii) Subtract the resultant product in subsection (a) (ii)  
22 from 1.000 to determine the market value portion of the aid  
23 ratio.

24 (iv) For purposes of the calculation described in subsection  
25 (a) (i) through (iii), the market value of a district shall be  
26 the real property valuation of the district for the calendar  
27 year that concluded during the school year immediately preceding  
28 the school year for which reimbursement is being paid. The  
29 market value of an intermediate unit or area [vocational-  
30 technical] career and technical school shall be the sum of the



1 real property valuations of each of its component districts for  
2 the calendar year that concluded during the school year  
3 immediately preceding the school year for which reimbursement is  
4 being paid. The weighted average daily membership of a district  
5 shall be the weighted average daily membership for the school  
6 year immediately preceding the school year for which  
7 reimbursement is being paid. The weighted average daily  
8 membership of an intermediate unit or area [vocational-  
9 technical] career and technical school shall be the sum of the  
10 weighted average daily memberships of each of its component  
11 districts for the school year immediately preceding the school  
12 year for which reimbursement is being paid.

13 (b) (i) Divide the income per weighted average daily  
14 membership of the district, the intermediate unit or area  
15 [vocational-technical] career and technical school by the  
16 average personal income per weighted average daily membership of  
17 the State;

18 (ii) Determine the product of subsection (b) (i) multiplied  
19 by .5;

20 (iii) Subtract the resultant product in subsection (b) (ii)  
21 from 1.000 to determine the income aid ratio.

22 (iv) For purposes of the calculation described in subsection  
23 (b) (i) through (iii), the income of a district shall be the  
24 personal income valuation of the district. The income of an  
25 intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical] career and  
26 technical school shall be the sum of the personal income  
27 valuations of each of its component districts. The weighted  
28 average daily membership of the district shall be the weighted  
29 average daily membership for the school year immediately  
30 preceding the school year for which reimbursement is being paid.



1 The weighted average daily membership of an intermediate unit or  
2 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school shall be  
3 the sum of the weighted average daily memberships of each of its  
4 component districts for the school year immediately preceding  
5 the school year for which reimbursement is being paid.

6 (c) Add sixty percent (60%) of the market value aid ratio to  
7 forty percent (40%) of the income aid ratio to determine the  
8 market value/income aid ratio.

9 (d) For payments beginning in the 1989-1990 school year and  
10 each school year thereafter, the Department of Education shall  
11 utilize an adjusted personal income valuation for the 1987 tax  
12 year and each tax year thereafter respectively in computing the  
13 market value/income aid ratio for such districts. The adjusted  
14 personal income valuation shall be calculated by dividing the  
15 total out-of-State tax credits claimed by the residents of a  
16 school district by the State personal income tax rate and  
17 subtracting that amount from the total personal income valuation  
18 for the individual school district. The State total personal  
19 income valuation shall remain that as certified by the  
20 Department of Revenue and shall not be adjusted to reflect out-  
21 of-State tax credits.

22 \* \* \*

23 Section 2502. Payments on Account of Instruction.--(a)  
24 Every school district [and every vocational school district]  
25 shall be paid by the Commonwealth on account of the instruction  
26 of pupils an amount to be determined by multiplying the numbers  
27 of elementary, secondary, joint elementary, joint secondary,  
28 State-owned college laboratory school, or area technical school  
29 teaching units, each based on the number of all pupils, except  
30 kindergarten pupils, who are residents of the district and are



1 in average daily membership in the district's public schools,  
2 joint elementary schools, joint high schools, laboratory schools  
3 of State-owned colleges, or area technical schools respectively,  
4 and in the case of kindergarten pupils based on the number of  
5 kindergarten teachers employed: Provided, That for the school  
6 year 1962-1963, and for each school year thereafter, the number  
7 of equivalent full time kindergarten teachers in a laboratory  
8 school of a State-owned college shall be prorated among all the  
9 districts having children enrolled in the laboratory school  
10 kindergarten on the basis of the total number of kindergarten  
11 pupils who are legal residents of such districts and who are in  
12 average daily membership in the laboratory school kindergarten,  
13 and for the school year 1957-1958 and for each school year  
14 thereafter, the numbers of elementary or secondary teaching  
15 units, each based on the number of all pupils who are residents  
16 of the district and who are in average daily membership in the  
17 elementary schools or secondary schools of other school  
18 districts within the Commonwealth, by the district's basic  
19 account standard reimbursement fraction; and for the school year  
20 1955-1956 by four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900); for the  
21 school year 1956-1957 by five thousand three hundred dollars  
22 (\$5300); for the school year 1957-1958 and for each school year  
23 thereafter by the lesser of actual instruction expense per  
24 elementary, secondary, joint elementary, joint secondary,  
25 laboratory school elementary, laboratory school secondary, area  
26 technical school, elementary educated in the public schools of  
27 other districts within the Commonwealth, secondary educated in  
28 the public schools of other districts within the Commonwealth  
29 teaching unit, each as the case may be, or five thousand eight  
30 hundred dollars (\$5800); for the school year 1962-1963 by the



1 lesser of actual instruction expense per elementary, secondary,  
2 joint elementary, joint secondary, laboratory school elementary,  
3 laboratory school secondary, area technical school, elementary  
4 educated in the public schools of other districts within the  
5 Commonwealth, secondary educated in the public schools of other  
6 districts within the Commonwealth teaching unit, each as the  
7 case may be, or six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6500); and  
8 for the school year 1963-1964 and for each school year  
9 thereafter by the lesser of actual instruction expense per  
10 elementary, secondary, joint elementary, joint secondary,  
11 laboratory school elementary, laboratory school secondary, area  
12 technical school, elementary educated in the public schools of  
13 other districts within the Commonwealth, secondary educated in  
14 the public schools of other districts within the Commonwealth  
15 teaching unit, each as the case may be, or six thousand eight  
16 hundred dollars (\$6800). For the school year 1953-1954 and each  
17 school year thereafter, teaching units shall be based on the  
18 number of all pupils, except kindergarten pupils, who are  
19 residents of the school district in average daily membership in  
20 the district's public schools in State-owned college laboratory  
21 schools and in elementary schools and high schools operated by  
22 joint boards of which the district of residence is a member, and  
23 in area technical schools in which the district of residence  
24 participates. In the case of kindergarten pupils, teaching units  
25 shall be one for each kindergarten teacher employed by the  
26 district: Provided, That for the school year 1957-1958 and for  
27 each school year thereafter, additional teaching units shall be  
28 based on the numbers of all pupils who are residents of the  
29 district and are in average daily membership in the elementary  
30 schools of other districts in the Commonwealth or who are in



1 average daily membership in the secondary schools of other  
2 districts within the Commonwealth: Further provided, That in the  
3 case of such pupils teaching units shall be calculated on the  
4 basis of thirty-five (35) elementary pupils and twenty-six (26)  
5 secondary pupils per teaching unit, respectively.

6 \* \* \*

7 (c) For no year shall any school district [or vocational  
8 school district] receive less than the minimum subsidy per  
9 teaching unit, nor shall any school district of the first class  
10 A, during the school year 1953-1954 for the school year 1952-  
11 1953, or during the school year 1954-1955 for the school year  
12 1953-1954, or during the school year 1955-1956 for the school  
13 year 1954-1955, receive less per teaching unit than the amount  
14 received by any district of the first class.

15 \* \* \*

16 Section 2502.6. Proportionate Reduction of Payments.--\* \* \*

17 (b) If the sums appropriated for the 1982-1983 school year  
18 and each school year thereafter are not sufficient to pay in  
19 full the total amounts to which all qualified school districts,  
20 intermediate units, area [vocational-technical] career and  
21 technical schools and nonpublic schools are entitled to receive  
22 under the provisions of sections 917.1-A, 919.1-A, 922.1-A, 923-  
23 A(d) and 2502.8 for such year, the allocations to the school  
24 districts, intermediate units, area [vocational-technical]  
25 career and technical schools and nonpublic schools shall be  
26 proportionately reduced to the extent necessary to bring the  
27 aggregate of the school district, intermediate unit, area  
28 [vocational-technical] career and technical school and nonpublic  
29 school allocations within the limits of the amounts  
30 appropriated.



1 Section 60. Section 2502.8 of the act, amended June 28, 2019  
2 (P.L.117, No.16), is amended to read:

3 Section 2502.8. Payments on Account of Pupils Enrolled in  
4 Career and Technical Curriculum.--(a) For the purpose of  
5 reimbursement in accordance with this section, [vocational]  
6 career and technical curriculums are agriculture education,  
7 marketing and distributive occupational education, health  
8 occupations education, [home economics] family and consumer  
9 sciences education (gainful), business education, computer and  
10 information technology, technical education, trade and  
11 industrial education, or any other occupational oriented program  
12 approved by the Secretary of Education.

13 (b) For the 1981-1982 school year through the 1984-1985  
14 school year, each school district so entitled shall be paid, in  
15 addition to any other subsidy to which it is entitled, an amount  
16 on account of resident pupils enrolled in [vocational] career  
17 and technical curriculums; for the 1985-1986 school year through  
18 the 1999-2000 school year, each school district and area  
19 [vocational-technical] career and technical school shall be paid  
20 an amount on account of students enrolled in [vocational] career  
21 and technical curriculums; for the 2000-2001 school year and  
22 each school year thereafter, each school district, area  
23 [vocational-technical] career and technical school and charter  
24 school shall be paid an amount on account of students enrolled  
25 in [vocational] career and technical curriculums, determined as  
26 follows:

27 (1) Determine the increase in the weighted average daily  
28 membership by multiplying the number of students in average  
29 daily membership in [vocational] career and technical  
30 curriculums in area [vocational-technical] career and technical



1 schools by twenty-one hundredths (.21) and the number of  
2 students in average daily membership in school district and  
3 charter school [vocational] career and technical curriculums by  
4 seventeen hundredths (.17).

5 (2) Multiply the lesser of the district's actual instruction  
6 expense per weighted average daily membership or the base earned  
7 for reimbursement by the market value/income aid ratio or by  
8 three hundred seventy-five thousandths (.375), whichever is  
9 greater.

10 (3) Multiply the increase in weighted average daily  
11 membership determined in clause (1) by the result of clause (2).

12 (4) For the 1985-1986 through 1999-2000 school years, the  
13 Commonwealth shall pay the amount required by this section to  
14 the school district or area [vocational-technical] career and  
15 technical school which provides the program upon which  
16 reimbursement is based.

17 (5) For the 2000-2001 school year and each school year  
18 thereafter, the Commonwealth shall pay the amount required under  
19 this section to the school district, area [vocational-technical]  
20 career and technical school or charter school which provides the  
21 programs upon which reimbursement is based.

22 (c) For the school year 1998-1999, any additional funding  
23 provided by the Commonwealth over the amount provided for the  
24 school year 1997-1998 will be distributed to area [vocational-  
25 technical] career and technical schools and to school districts  
26 with eight (8) or more [vocational] career and technical  
27 programs based on subsection (b).

28 (d) For the school year 1999-2000, any additional funding  
29 provided by the Commonwealth over the amount provided for the  
30 school year 1998-1999 will be distributed to area [vocational-





1 technical] career and technical schools, to school districts  
2 with eight (8) or more [vocational] career and technical  
3 programs and to school districts offering a [vocational] career  
4 and technical agricultural education program, based on  
5 subsection (b).

6 (e) For the school year 2000-2001 and each school year  
7 thereafter, any additional funding provided by the Commonwealth  
8 over the amount provided for the school year 1998-1999 will be  
9 distributed to area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
10 schools, to school districts and charter schools with eight (8)  
11 or more [vocational] career and technical programs and to school  
12 districts and charter schools offering a [vocational] career and  
13 technical agricultural education program based on subsection  
14 (b).

15 (f) For the school year 2018-2019 and each school year  
16 thereafter, payments made under this section shall be funded  
17 from the appropriation for career and technical education and  
18 shall not be proportionately reduced in accordance with section  
19 2502.6(b) or any other law.

20 Section 61. Sections 2506.1, 2507, 2508, 2508.1, 2508.3,  
21 2508.4, 2508.5, 2509.5(n)(1)(i), (r)(1)(i), (w)(1)(i) and (dd)  
22 (1)(i) and (iii)(A), 2513.1, 2515, 2518 second paragraph, 2552.1  
23 (a), (a.1) and (b), 2561 introductory paragraph and (4), 2562,  
24 2563, 2574(e), 2574.2, 2574.3(a), 2575(b), 2577(b) and (c),  
25 2578(b), 2593 heading and (b), 2594, 2595(b), (c)(1)(iv) and  
26 (h), 2597.3, 2597.4(2)(iv), 2597.5(c)(4), 2599(b) and (d)(6),  
27 2599.1(c), 2599.2(f), 2602-B(e) and (f) and 2604-B(b)(2)(i) and  
28 (3) of the act are amended to read:

29 Section 2506.1. Payments on Account of Approved Adult  
30 Program Travel.--(a) Every school district and area



1 [vocational-technical] career and technical school shall be paid  
2 by the Commonwealth for every school year, on account of  
3 approved adult [vocational] career and technical program  
4 traveling expenses in the discharge of teaching and supervisory  
5 responsibilities of teachers, coordinators, supervisors and  
6 directors in [vocational] career and technical education, eighty  
7 per centum (80%) of the sum expended by the school district or  
8 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school for such  
9 approved travel.

10 (b) For the 1991-1992 school year and each school year  
11 thereafter, the Commonwealth shall pay the amount required by  
12 this section to the school district or area [vocational-  
13 technical] career and technical school which provides the  
14 program upon which such reimbursement is based.

15 Section 2507. Payments on Account of Approved [Vocational]  
16 Career and Technical Extension Classes and Pre-employment  
17 Training.--Every school district and every [vocational school  
18 district and area vocational-technical] area career and  
19 technical school, regardless of classification, shall be paid by  
20 the Commonwealth for every school year, on account of approved  
21 [vocational] career and technical extension classes and pre-  
22 employment training, eighty per cent (80%) of the sum which was  
23 expended by the district or area [vocational-technical] career  
24 and technical school for the compensation of [vocational] career  
25 and technical extension and pre-employment training teachers and  
26 supervisors. For the purpose of computing reimbursement, the  
27 maximum compensation shall be four dollars (\$4.00) per hour for  
28 the 1985-1986 through the 1989-1990 school years and eight  
29 dollars and sixty cents (\$8.60) per hour for the 1990-1991  
30 school year and each school year thereafter and the amount



1 expended for supervisory salaries shall not exceed twenty per  
2 cent (20%) of the sum expended for teachers' salaries: Provided,  
3 That in special cases when travel time or unusual preparation of  
4 instructional materials or other factors result in an inadequate  
5 compensation, the Department of Education may approve additional  
6 reimbursable employment time for such additional services upon  
7 the submission of adequate substantiative evidence from the  
8 responsible superintendent of schools. For the 1985-1986 school  
9 year and each school year thereafter, the Commonwealth shall pay  
10 the amount required by this section to the school district or  
11 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school which  
12 provided the approved [vocational] career and technical  
13 extension classes and pre-employment training for which  
14 reimbursement is made.

15 Section 2508. Distribution of Unencumbered Funds for  
16 [Vocational] Career and Technical Education.--The State Board  
17 [for Vocational] of Career and Technical Education shall  
18 administer the allocation of Federal and State [vocational]  
19 career and technical education funds which are otherwise  
20 unencumbered. Allocations shall be made for the furtherance of  
21 the provisions of the State and Federal [vocational] career and  
22 technical education acts with emphasis on the improvement of  
23 facilities, reimbursement of teachers' salaries, research and  
24 projects which will contribute to the economic welfare of youth  
25 and adults.

26 Section 2508.1. Payment on Account of Equipment Purchased  
27 for Area [Vocational-Technical] Career and Technical Schools and  
28 Technical Institutes.--Every area [vocational-technical] career  
29 and technical board operating approved area [vocational-  
30 technical] career and technical schools or technical institutes



1 shall be paid by the Commonwealth, annually, on account of  
2 instructional equipment approved by the Department of [Public  
3 Instruction] Education, purchased and installed, a proportionate  
4 share of Federal and State funds available and expendable for  
5 that purpose. The Department of [Public Instruction] Education  
6 may make advanced payment of available but unencumbered State  
7 and Federal funds to expedite the purchase of equipment.

8 Section 2508.3. Payments for [Vocational] Career and  
9 Technical Training of Recipients of Public Assistance and  
10 Unemployment Compensation.--The State Board [for Vocational] of  
11 Career and Technical Education shall establish rules and  
12 regulations and thereunder, approve and authorize payment of the  
13 full cost of intensive [vocational] career and technical  
14 education classes for qualified public assistance recipients or  
15 other unemployed, to take definite available employment which  
16 may be contingent upon such training.

17 The State Board [for Vocational] of Career and Technical  
18 Education shall further establish rules and regulations and  
19 thereunder approve and authorize payments from funds  
20 specifically appropriated for that purpose up to the full cost,  
21 including administration, of intensive [vocational] career and  
22 technical educational classes to increase skill levels for those  
23 persons for whom there are no public training programs available  
24 as the unfilled and expanding needs of the Pennsylvania economy  
25 shall require in the following categories:

- 26 (1) Part-time workers not otherwise employed;  
27 (2) Employed persons who are working below their skill  
28 levels and capacities.

29 Said rules and regulations shall further provide for the  
30 implementation of emergency training programs, as the needs of



1 the Pennsylvania economy and the requirements of the above-  
2 categorized persons shall require. The board shall authorize  
3 said emergency programs and the funding thereof, under said  
4 rules and regulations as the necessity therefor shall become  
5 apparent.

6 Said board shall, from time to time, conduct necessary  
7 studies and surveys to determine the need for the establishment  
8 of said programs and facilities as the needs of the Pennsylvania  
9 economy and such persons shall require.

10 Section 2508.4. Payments on Account of Improvements and  
11 Additions in [Vocational-Technical] Career and Technical  
12 Curriculums.--Every area [vocational] career and technical board  
13 operating an approved program of [vocational] career or  
14 technical education in its own or rented space shall be paid by  
15 the Commonwealth for every school year on account of approved  
16 replacement, updating and improvement of equipment and on  
17 account of approved new or additional equipment up to fifty per  
18 cent of the cost of such improvements and additions.

19 Section 2508.5. Payment on Account of Equipment Purchased  
20 for Area [Vocational-Technical] Career and Technical Schools and  
21 School Districts.--(a) For the 2013-2014 school year, each area  
22 [vocational-technical] career and technical school and school  
23 district with an approved [vocational] career and technical  
24 program that applies to and is approved by the Department of  
25 Education under subsection (b) for funding for the purchase of  
26 equipment that meets industry standards for the purpose of  
27 training to students shall receive a grant in an amount equal to  
28 the sum of the following:

29 (1) An equal share of one million five hundred thousand  
30 dollars (\$1,500,000), determined by dividing one million five



1 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) by the total number of  
2 area [vocational-technical] career and technical schools and  
3 school districts that have been approved for funding by the  
4 Department of Education under subsection (b).

5 (2) A per student amount calculated as follows:

6 (i) Multiply the 2012-2013 average daily membership in  
7 approved [vocational] career and technical education programs  
8 for each area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
9 or school district that has been approved for funding by the  
10 Department of Education under subsection (b) by one million five  
11 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000).

12 (ii) Divide the product from subclause (i) by the sum of the  
13 2012-2013 average daily membership in approved [vocational]  
14 career and technical education programs for all area  
15 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools and school  
16 districts that have been approved for funding by the Department  
17 of Education under subsection (b).

18 (b) (1) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of  
19 this subsection, the Department of Education shall establish  
20 guidelines under which area [vocational-technical] career and  
21 technical schools, and school districts with approved  
22 [vocational] career and technical programs may apply to the  
23 department for funding for the purchase of equipment, which  
24 shall include a funding application and an application deadline.

25 (2) The funding application established by the Department of  
26 Education pursuant to clause (1) shall require only the  
27 following information which may be collected electronically:

28 (i) Name, address, e-mail address and telephone number of  
29 the area [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
30 school district.



1 (ii) Name, e-mail address and telephone number of an employe  
2 of the area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
3 or school district who will be available to answer questions  
4 regarding the funding application.

5 (iii) Description of the equipment for which the requested  
6 funding will be used.

7 (3) In approving funding applications under this section,  
8 the Department of Education shall request and consider no  
9 information other than the information provided in the funding  
10 application established under clause (2). Each area [vocational-  
11 technical] career and technical school or school district with  
12 an approved [vocational] career and technical program that  
13 submits a completed funding application under this subsection  
14 shall receive funding in the amount determined under subsection  
15 (a).

16 Section 2509.5. Special Education Payments to School  
17 Districts.--\* \* \*

18 (n) School districts will qualify for supplemental payments  
19 under subsection (m) if:

20 (1) (i) the school district's special education  
21 expenditures for the 1994-1995 school year, as a percentage of  
22 the sum of the school district's 1994-1995 school year  
23 expenditures for regular education, [vocational-technical]  
24 career and technical education and special education, are equal  
25 to or greater than the special education expenditures of all  
26 school districts for the 1994-1995 school year, as a percentage  
27 of the sum of the 1994-1995 school year expenditures of all  
28 school districts for regular education, [vocational-technical]  
29 career and technical education and special education; and

30 \* \* \*



1 (r) School districts will qualify for supplemental payments  
2 under subsection (q) if:

3 (1) (i) the school district's special education  
4 expenditures for the 1995-1996 school year as a percentage of  
5 the sum of the school district's 1995-1996 school year  
6 expenditures for regular education, [vocational-technical]  
7 career and technical education and special education is equal to  
8 or greater than the special education expenditures of all school  
9 districts for the 1995-1996 school year as a percentage of the  
10 sum of the 1995-1996 school year expenditures of all school  
11 districts for regular education, [vocational-technical] career  
12 and technical education and special education; and

13 \* \* \*

14 (w) School districts shall qualify for supplemental payments  
15 under subsection (v) if:

16 (1) (i) The school district's special education  
17 expenditures for the 1996-1997 school year as a percentage of  
18 the sum of the school district's 1996-1997 school year  
19 expenditures for regular education, [vocational-technical]  
20 career and technical education and special education is equal to  
21 or greater than the special education expenditures of all school  
22 districts for the 1996-1997 school year as a percentage of the  
23 sum of the 1996-1997 school year expenditures of all school  
24 districts for regular education, [vocational-technical] career  
25 and technical education and special education;

26 \* \* \*

27 (dd) Supplemental payments shall be as follows:

28 (1) School districts shall qualify for additional  
29 supplemental payments if all of the following apply:

30 (i) The school district's special education expenditures for





1 the 1997-1998 school year, as a percentage of the sum of the  
2 school district's 1997-1998 school year expenditures for regular  
3 education, [vocational-technical] career and technical education  
4 and special education, is equal to or greater than the special  
5 education expenditures of all school districts for the 1997-1998  
6 school year, as a percentage of the sum of the 1997-1998 school  
7 year expenditures of all school districts for regular education,  
8 [vocational-technical] career and technical education and  
9 special education.

10 \* \* \*

11 (iii) The district does not meet all of the following  
12 criteria:

13 (A) The school district's special education expenditures for  
14 the 1997-1998 school year, as a percentage of the sum of the  
15 school district's 1997-1998 school year expenditures for regular  
16 education, [vocational-technical] career and technical education  
17 and special education, is equal to or greater than the special  
18 education expenditures of all school districts for the 1997-1998  
19 school year, as a percentage of the sum of the 1997-1998 school  
20 year expenditures of all school districts for regular education,  
21 [vocational-technical] career and technical education and  
22 special education.

23 \* \* \*

24 Section 2513.1. Certificates of Expenditures for  
25 [Vocational] Career and Technical Schools.--On or before the  
26 tenth day of July of each year, the school directors of each  
27 district shall present to the [Superintendent of Public  
28 Instruction] Secretary of Education a statement of the amount  
29 expended during the school year previous to such first day of  
30 July for instruction in approved local or joint [vocational]



1 career and technical industrial, [vocational homemaking,  
2 vocational] career and technical family and consumer sciences,  
3 career and technical marketing and distributive occupational or  
4 [vocational] career and technical agricultural schools or  
5 departments. On the basis of such a statement the  
6 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education,  
7 as the executive officer of the State Board [for Vocational] of  
8 Career and Technical Education, shall pay such school districts  
9 and joint school districts such reimbursement for the previous  
10 school year as is provided for in this act.

11 Section 2515. Ascertainment of Amounts Required;  
12 Apportionment.--The [Superintendent of Public Instruction]  
13 Secretary of Education shall ascertain and determine the amount  
14 of funds required to meet each payment to school districts[,]  
15 and intermediate units [and vocational school districts] which  
16 become due and payable within each fiscal year, on the data and  
17 material contained in the certificates which school districts[,]  
18 and intermediate units [and vocational school districts] are  
19 required to file with the [superintendent] Secretary of  
20 Education at such time as [he] the secretary shall determine.  
21 The [superintendent] Secretary of Education shall apportion and  
22 allot the same to and among the respective districts and  
23 intermediate units. The amount paid to any district or  
24 intermediate unit within any fiscal year shall be computed on  
25 the data and information contained in the certificates required  
26 to be filed each year, as herein provided. Each district's  
27 valuation to be used for purposes of computing its standard  
28 reimbursement fraction for the school year 1949-1950 and  
29 thereafter or for purposes of computing the aid ratio for the  
30 school year 1966-1967, and thereafter, shall be the valuation



1 placed upon its taxable real property by the State Tax  
2 Equalization Board.

3 Section 2518. Forfeitures for Employing Improperly Certified  
4 Individuals.--\* \* \*

5 The foregoing forfeitures of reimbursement units on account  
6 of employes uncertificated for the position in which employed,  
7 and on account of substitutes, shall not apply in the case of  
8 employes in positions after July 1, 1966: Provided, however,  
9 That any school district or any county board of school directors  
10 with respect to area technical schools that from July 1, 1966,  
11 to July 1, 1992, has had in its employ any person in a teaching,  
12 specialist, supervisory or administrative capacity who has not  
13 been certificated for said position by the Department of  
14 Education, or that has had in its employ a substitute in a  
15 position where a vacancy exists for a full year or more without  
16 the specific written approval of the Secretary of Education,  
17 shall forfeit an amount equal to the minimum salary mandated by  
18 law for the position less the product of said salary and the aid  
19 ratio of the district. Notwithstanding the above, after July 1,  
20 1992, any school district, intermediate unit, area [vocational-  
21 technical] career and technical school or other public school in  
22 this Commonwealth that has in its employ any person in a  
23 position that is subject to the certification requirements of  
24 the Department of Education but who has not been certificated  
25 for his position by the Department of Education or that has in  
26 its employ a substitute in a position where a vacancy exists for  
27 a full year or more without the specific written approval of the  
28 Secretary of Education shall forfeit an amount equal to six  
29 thousand dollars (\$6,000) less the product of six thousand  
30 dollars (\$6,000) and the district's market value/income aid



1 ratio. Any exemption from forfeiture by reason of employment on  
2 or before July 1, 1962 as provided elsewhere in this section  
3 shall not be invalidated by this amendment.

4 Section 2552.1. Effect of Failure to File Reports.--(a) The  
5 Department of Education shall order the forfeiture of three  
6 hundred dollars (\$300) per day by a school district, charter  
7 school, cyber charter school, area [vocational-technical] career  
8 and technical school or intermediate unit that does not submit  
9 its annual budget to the Department of Education within thirty  
10 (30) days of the submittal date established by the Department of  
11 Education. The forfeiture shall continue until a report and  
12 annual budget that meet established criteria are submitted. The  
13 Department of Education shall deduct the amount of the  
14 forfeiture from any and all State payments made to the school  
15 district, charter school, cyber charter school, area  
16 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
17 intermediate unit.

18 (a.1) (1) The Department of Education shall order the  
19 following forfeitures against a school district, charter school,  
20 cyber charter school, area [vocational-technical] career and  
21 technical school or intermediate unit that does not submit its  
22 annual financial report to the Department of Education within  
23 thirty (30) days of the submittal date established under  
24 sections 218 and 921-A:

25 (i) Three hundred dollars (\$300) per day for the first  
26 violation.

27 (ii) Five hundred dollars (\$500) per day for the second or  
28 subsequent violations.

29 (2) The forfeiture shall continue until a report that meets  
30 established criteria is submitted. The Department of Education



1 shall deduct the amount of the forfeiture from any and all State  
2 payments made to the school district, charter school, cyber  
3 charter school, area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
4 school or intermediate unit.

5 (b) The Department of Education shall order the forfeiture  
6 of three hundred dollars (\$300) per day by a school district,  
7 charter school, area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
8 school or intermediate unit that does not submit its pupil  
9 membership/child accounting reports within thirty (30) days of  
10 the submittal date established by the Department of Education.  
11 The forfeiture shall continue until a report that meets  
12 established criteria is submitted. The Department of Education  
13 shall deduct the amount of the forfeiture from any and all State  
14 payments made to the school district, charter school, area  
15 [vocational-technical] career and technical school or  
16 intermediate unit.

17 \* \* \*

18 Section 2561. Tuition Charges for Pupils of Other  
19 Districts.--A school district [or vocational school district]  
20 receiving elementary or high school pupils or [vocational]  
21 career and technical or other extension education pupils who are  
22 residents of another school district [or another vocational  
23 school district] shall compute the tuition charges as follows:

24 \* \* \*

25 (4) [Vocational] Career and Technical or Other Extension  
26 Tuition Charge. Add the salaries of administrators, supervisors,  
27 instructors, clerks and custodians specifically employed in the  
28 school district's [or vocational school district's] annual  
29 program of [Vocational] Career and Technical or other Extension  
30 Education, the cost of textbooks, and supplies of the second



1 class issued for the program incurred for the school year  
2 immediately preceding. A charge of five cents (.05) per pupil  
3 hour of instruction for the district overhead and plant usage.  
4 Subtract from the sum so obtained the amount of State  
5 appropriation applicable. The remainder shall be designated as  
6 the "district cost for [vocational] career and technical or  
7 other extension education." Determine the total pupil hours of  
8 instruction during the school year immediately preceding, divide  
9 the "district cost for [vocational] career and technical or  
10 other extension education" by the total pupil hours of  
11 instruction. The cost so determined shall be the "[vocational]  
12 career and technical or other extension tuition [charge] charge"  
13 per pupil hour of instruction.

14 \* \* \*

15 Section 2562. Payments by Districts for Pupils Attending in  
16 Other Districts.--For each elementary or high school pupil  
17 attending a public school of another district, the receiving  
18 district shall bill the sending district, and the sending  
19 district shall pay the amount of the tuition charge per  
20 elementary pupil, or the tuition charge per high school pupil,  
21 as the case may be. In the case of pupils attending the  
22 receiving district's public schools for less than a full school  
23 term, the tuition charge per elementary or high school pupil  
24 shall be prorated by reference to the period of time over which  
25 such pupils actually attended the receiving district's schools.

26 For each [vocational] career and technical or other extension  
27 education pupil attending an extension class of another  
28 district, the receiving district shall bill the sending district  
29 if the attendance is previously approved by the sending district  
30 and the sending district shall pay the [vocational] career and



1 technical or other extension tuition charge per pupil hour of  
2 instruction for each hour of attendance of each such pupil.

3 Nothing herein shall prohibit the payment of a tuition for  
4 [vocational] career and technical or other extension pupils by a  
5 non-resident adult pupil sponsoring agency or employer.

6 Section 2563. Certification of Pupils Admitted from Other  
7 Districts; Monthly Payments.--The board of school directors in  
8 any school district [or the board of directors of vocational  
9 schools in any vocational school district] maintaining an  
10 elementary school or a high school or an extension class which  
11 is attended by any pupils residing in another district shall,  
12 upon admission of such pupils, properly certify to the board of  
13 school directors of the school district in which such pupils  
14 reside, the names of all such pupils and whether they are  
15 attending an elementary school or a high school or an extension  
16 class, together with a statement of the tuition charge per  
17 elementary pupil and the tuition charge per high school pupil  
18 and the [vocational] career and technical or other extension  
19 tuition charge per pupil hour of instruction. All such tuition  
20 charges shall be paid monthly to the school district [or the  
21 vocational school district] maintaining such elementary school  
22 or high school by the school district to which the same was  
23 certified.

24 Section 2574. Approved Reimbursable Rental for Leases  
25 Hereafter Approved and Approved Reimbursable Sinking Fund  
26 Charges on Indebtedness.--\* \* \*

27 (e) For area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
28 school and technical institute projects leased subsequent to  
29 July 1, 1964, by or for lease to a board of school directors  
30 authorized to operate such a school, the Department of Education



1 shall calculate an approved reimbursable rental charge.

2 For area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
3 and technical institute projects constructed or purchased  
4 subsequent to July 1, 1964, by a board of school directors  
5 authorized to operate such a school, the Department of Education  
6 may calculate an approved reimbursable sinking fund charge.

7 Approved reimbursable rental or sinking fund charge shall  
8 consist of that part of the annual rental or sinking fund  
9 attributable to:

10 (1) Cost of acquiring land and preparing it for use to the  
11 extent that such costs are deemed reasonable by the Department  
12 of Education and the interest on such cost of acquisition, cost  
13 of preparation and the cost of sewage treatment and the interest  
14 on such cost.

15 (2) Machinery, apparatus, furniture and equipment and all  
16 other necessary expenses and interest charges, but excluding  
17 architects' fees in excess of six percent of the construction  
18 cost.

19 The approved building construction cost and the interest on  
20 such construction cost shall not exceed the product of the rated  
21 full-time pupil capacity, as determined by the Department of  
22 Education at the time the project is approved and two thousand  
23 two hundred dollars (\$2,200).

24 The provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall apply to all  
25 school building projects for which the general construction  
26 contract is awarded prior to July 1, 1966, and for approved  
27 school building projects for which a lease was approved by the  
28 Department of Education prior to July 1, 1966. For school  
29 buildings for which the general construction contract is awarded  
30 subsequent to July 1, 1966, and for approved school building





1 projects for which the general construction contract was awarded  
2 but for which a lease was not approved by the Department of  
3 Education prior to July 1, 1966, the approved building  
4 construction cost and the interest on such construction cost  
5 shall not exceed the product of the rated full-time pupil  
6 capacity, as determined by the Department of Education at the  
7 time the project is approved, and three thousand seven hundred  
8 dollars [(\$3700)] (\$3,700).

9 For school buildings for which the general construction  
10 contract is awarded subsequent to July 1, 1984, and for approved  
11 school building projects for which the general construction  
12 contract was awarded but for which a lease or general obligation  
13 bond resolution was not approved by the Department of Education  
14 prior to July 1, 1984, the approved building construction cost  
15 and the interest on such construction cost shall not exceed the  
16 product of the rated full-time pupil capacity, as determined by  
17 the Department of Education at the time the project is approved,  
18 and six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300).

19 For school buildings for which the general construction  
20 contract is awarded subsequent to January 1, 2005, and for  
21 approved school building projects for which the general  
22 construction contract was awarded but for which a lease or  
23 general obligation bond resolution was not approved by the  
24 Department of Education prior to January 1, 2005, the approved  
25 building construction cost shall not exceed the product of the  
26 rated full-time pupil capacity, as determined by the Department  
27 of Education at the time the project is approved, and seven  
28 thousand six hundred dollars (\$7,600).

29 The Department of Education shall not approve the expenditure  
30 of any funds borrowed or obtained by the sale of bonds by any



1 authority, nonprofit corporation, profit corporation, company or  
2 individual for construction of area [vocational-technical]  
3 career and technical schools or technical institutes for  
4 bleachers, athletic field, lighting equipment or apparatus used  
5 to promote and conduct interscholastic athletics.

6 \* \* \*

7 Section 2574.2. Approved Reimbursable Annual Rental for  
8 Leases of Buildings and Facilities for School Use.--For extended  
9 leases of buildings and facilities for school use authorized  
10 under the provisions of section 703.1 which have been approved  
11 by the Secretary of Education, the Department of Education shall  
12 calculate an approved reimbursable annual rental charge.

13 Approved reimbursable annual rental for such approved leases  
14 of building facilities constructed for school use shall be the  
15 lesser of (i) the product of the annual rental payable under the  
16 provisions of the approved lease agreement times the ratio of  
17 the pupil scheduled area to the architectural area, or (ii) the  
18 product of the rated pupil capacity as determined by the  
19 Department of Education at the time of initial lease times one  
20 hundred sixty dollars (\$160) for elementary schools, two hundred  
21 twenty dollars (\$220) for secondary schools, or two hundred  
22 seventy dollars (\$270) for area [vocational-technical] career  
23 and technical schools.

24 Annual approved rental payable for approved leases of  
25 existing facilities altered for school use shall be the lesser  
26 of (i) the product of the annual rental payable under the  
27 provisions of the approved lease agreement times the ratio of  
28 the pupil scheduled area to the architectural area, or (ii) the  
29 product of the rated pupil capacity, as determined by the  
30 Department of Education at the time of initial lease, times one



1 hundred twelve dollars (\$112) for elementary, one hundred fifty-  
2 four dollars (\$154) for secondary, or one hundred eighty-nine  
3 dollars (\$189) for area [vocational-technical] career and  
4 technical schools.

5 Section 2574.3. Approved Reimbursable Annual Rental for  
6 Leases of Buildings or Portions of Buildings for Charter School  
7 Use.--(a) For leases of buildings or portions of buildings for  
8 charter school use which have been approved by the Secretary of  
9 Education on or after July 1, 2001, the Department of Education  
10 shall calculate an approved reimbursable annual rental charge.  
11 Approved reimbursable annual rental for such approved leases of  
12 buildings or portions of buildings for charter school use shall  
13 be the lesser of (i) the annual rental payable under the  
14 provisions of the approved lease agreement, or (ii) the product  
15 of the enrollment, as determined by the Department of Education,  
16 times one hundred sixty dollars (\$160) for elementary schools,  
17 two hundred twenty dollars (\$220) for secondary schools or two  
18 hundred seventy dollars (\$270) for area [vocational-technical]  
19 career and technical schools. The Commonwealth shall pay  
20 annually for the school year 2001-2002 and each school year  
21 thereafter to each charter school which leases with the approval  
22 of the Department of Education buildings or portions of  
23 buildings for charter school use under these provisions an  
24 amount determined by multiplying the aid ratio of the charter  
25 school by the approved reimbursable annual rental.

26 \* \* \*

27 Section 2575. Payments on Account of Leases Hereafter  
28 Approved and on Account of Sinking Fund Charges on Indebtedness  
29 for School Buildings Hereafter Constructed.--\* \* \*

30 (b) The Commonwealth shall pay, annually, to each school



1 district which constructs, purchases or leases with the approval  
2 of the Department of [Public Instruction] Education an area  
3 [vocational-technical] career and technical school building or  
4 technical institute building or which shares in the  
5 construction, purchase or lease of such building or buildings  
6 under provisions of the Public School Building Authority Act,  
7 the Municipality Authority Act, section 758 [of the Public  
8 School Code of 1949, or section] or 791 of [the Public School  
9 Code of 1949] this act, or other agency, or through the  
10 incurring of indebtedness by the issuance of general obligation  
11 bonds, an amount to be determined by multiplying the district's  
12 aid ratio or fifty per cent, whichever is more, by the approved  
13 reimbursable rental approved reimbursable sinking fund charge  
14 multiplied by the district's proportionate share of such rental  
15 sinking fund charge.

16 Section 2577. Limitations on Approval of Projects for  
17 Reimbursement Purposes.--

18 (b) The Department of [Public Instruction] Education shall  
19 determine reimbursement eligibility of all projects including  
20 projects submitted for approval prior to the effective date of  
21 this act in the order of date of filing of applications for  
22 project approval with the department, except that in the case of  
23 application for area [vocational-technical] career and technical  
24 schools, the department may grant priority to such applications  
25 in the order in which said applications are received and process  
26 them immediately. If a delay in departmental processing of any  
27 application on file is occasioned by the applying school  
28 district, the department shall proceed to determine  
29 reimbursement eligibility of projects next in order, except that  
30 in the event of any emergency due to fire, flood, orders from



1 the Department of Labor and Industry to close school buildings  
2 or parts thereof where such school buildings or parts thereof  
3 are determined to be [irreparable] irreparable and are closed  
4 finally by the Department of Labor and Industry, or an act of  
5 God, which causes undue hardship beyond the control of the  
6 applying school district, the department may grant priority over  
7 the eligibility of projects submitted prior to the emergency  
8 application[: Provided, however, That in cases where priority is  
9 granted due to closed schools or parts thereof by orders of the  
10 Department of Labor and Industry, the approved reimbursable  
11 costs of such projects shall not be included within the  
12 aggregate for projects already undertaken or to be undertaken as  
13 provided in subsection (a) of this section].

14 (c) Unless the general construction contract for any project  
15 is awarded within ten months subsequent to the date of approval  
16 by the Department of [Public Instruction] Education and by any  
17 other agency as required by existing law, approval shall be  
18 withdrawn, except that when a district shows to the satisfaction  
19 of the department that the contract has not been let for reasons  
20 beyond its control or that withdrawal of approval would work  
21 undue hardship, the department may grant extensions beyond the  
22 ten-months period for three periods of ninety days each before  
23 approval is withdrawn. [Any project for which approval was  
24 withdrawn under the provisions of act 417, approved March 22,  
25 1956 (P.L.1315), may be reinstated by the Department of Public  
26 Instruction and granted extensions which, together with the time  
27 already elapsed, shall not exceed nineteen months beyond the  
28 date of approval given by the Department of Public Instruction  
29 or any agency as required by existing law.] A project for which  
30 approval is withdrawn may be resubmitted to the department as a



1 new project.

2 Section 2578. Payments.--\* \* \*

3 (b) All payments due school districts by the Commonwealth on  
4 account of obligations to the State Public School Building  
5 Authority, sinking fund charges, or rentals under leases with  
6 municipality authorities, nonprofit corporations or profit on  
7 nonprofit corporations, partnerships, associations or persons  
8 for building or educational equipment for area technical  
9 schools, shall be paid to the intermediate unit operating the  
10 school. School districts not originally parties to an agreement  
11 with the State Public School Building Authority or a lease with  
12 a municipality authority, a nonprofit corporation or a profit or  
13 nonprofit corporation, partnership, association or person for  
14 buildings or educational equipment for an area technical school  
15 but later electing to participate in the operation of the school  
16 and agreeing to pay a part of the annual payments due under the  
17 agreement or lease shall be entitled to payments by the  
18 Commonwealth to the same extent as though they had originally  
19 been parties to the agreement or lease. The amount thereof shall  
20 be paid to the intermediate unit. No payments shall be made on  
21 account of obligations or rentals for buildings or educational  
22 equipment for area technical schools unless the schools conform  
23 to plans approved by the State Board [for Vocational] of Career  
24 and Technical Education.

25 Section 2593. Responsibility for [Vocational] Career and  
26 Technical Programs.--\* \* \*

27 (b) It shall be the responsibility of every school district  
28 to comply with all provisions of the act and of regulations of  
29 the State Board of Education and standards of the department  
30 promulgated hereunder with regard to the provision of



1 [vocational] career and technical education programs and to make  
2 such financing arrangements as it deems proper with area  
3 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools in order so  
4 to comply.

5 Section 2594. Special Payments on Account of Minimum Salary  
6 Increases.--(a) For the school year 1988-1989 and each school  
7 year thereafter beginning before the expiration of the term of  
8 any contract or agreement effective on or before the effective  
9 date of this section between a public employer and a public  
10 employe or employe organization pursuant to the act of July 23,  
11 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the "Public Employe Relations  
12 Act," each school district, intermediate unit and area  
13 [vocational-technical] career and technical school which elects  
14 to increase minimum salaries pursuant to section 1142.1 shall be  
15 paid in the manner provided in subsection (b), in addition to  
16 any other payments to which it is entitled, a special payment to  
17 cover the cost of implementing section 1142.1.

18 (b) For the school year 1988-1989, the amount paid to each  
19 school district, intermediate unit and area [vocational-  
20 technical] career and technical school shall be the difference  
21 between the salary paid to each full-time teacher at the  
22 beginning of the school term 1988-1989 that is less than  
23 eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) and an amount  
24 equal to eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500). For  
25 the school year 1989-1990 and each school year thereafter, the  
26 amount paid shall be the difference between the salary payable  
27 to each full-time teacher at the beginning of the school term  
28 under the terms of the contract or agreement in effect on the  
29 effective date of this section which is less than eighteen  
30 thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) and an amount equal to



1 eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500). The amount so  
2 calculated shall be paid to each qualifying school district,  
3 intermediate unit and area [vocational-technical] career and  
4 technical school by the Department of Education during each  
5 school year for which each school district, intermediate unit  
6 and area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
7 qualifies out of the funds appropriated to the department for  
8 this purpose.

9 (c) For each school year for which a school district,  
10 intermediate unit and area [vocational-technical] career and  
11 technical school qualifies for a special payment under  
12 subsection (a), the entire employer's share of contributions to  
13 the Public School Employee's Retirement Fund and Social Security  
14 attributable to the salary increase implemented pursuant to  
15 section 1142.1 shall be paid for each school district,  
16 intermediate unit and area [vocational-technical] career and  
17 technical school out of funds appropriated to the Department of  
18 Education for such purposes.

19 Section 2595. School Performance Incentives.--\* \* \*

20 (b) Any public elementary school, secondary school or area  
21 [vocational-technical] career and technical school is eligible  
22 to participate in the school performance program.

23 (c) (1) School performance will be determined by  
24 improvements in student accomplishment or maintenance of high  
25 standards using the following criteria:

26 \* \* \*

27 (iv) rates of employment related to the training received by  
28 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school  
29 graduates until such time as an occupational competency testing  
30 program is established and which meets the measurement





1 requirements in this section; or

2 \* \* \*

3 (h) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to  
4 supersede or preempt any provisions of a collective bargaining  
5 agreement negotiated by a school and the employe organization  
6 district, intermediate unit or area [vocational-technical]  
7 career and technical school that is in effect on the effective  
8 date of this section.

9 Section 2597.3. Eligible Grant Applicants.--Applications for  
10 grants may be submitted by school districts and nonprofit  
11 community-based organizations. Community-based organizations  
12 must demonstrate that the program will operate in collaboration  
13 with a school district, intermediate unit or area [vocational-  
14 technical] career and technical school.

15 Section 2597.4. Program Requirements.--Services and programs  
16 may be provided to students in grades kindergarten through  
17 twelve. Services and programs shall include the following:

18 \* \* \*

19 (2) Dropout Prevention Programs. Services and programs shall  
20 include the following:

21 \* \* \*

22 (iv) [Vocational] Career and technical education and school-  
23 to-work transition.

24 \* \* \*

25 Section 2597.5. Criteria for Awarding Grants.--\* \* \*

26 (c) Dropout prevention is to be measured by:

27 \* \* \*

28 (4) The extent to which the school district program is  
29 linked to those of other relevant service providers, such as  
30 literacy councils, area [vocational-technical] career and



1 technical schools, post-secondary educational and training  
2 institutions, private industry councils, social service agencies  
3 and community-based organizations.

4 \* \* \*

5 Section 2599. Administrative/Instructional Consolidation  
6 Incentives.--\* \* \*

7 (b) Any school district, area [vocational-technical] career  
8 and technical school, intermediate unit or joint school is  
9 eligible to participate in the consolidation incentives program  
10 and shall be considered a school entity for the purposes of this  
11 section.

12 \* \* \*

13 (d) \* \* \*

14 (6) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to  
15 supersede or preempt any provisions of a collective bargaining  
16 agreement negotiated by a school district, intermediate unit or  
17 area [vocational-technical] career and technical school and the  
18 employe organization that is in effect on the effective date of  
19 this section.

20 Section 2599.1. Multipurpose Service Center Grant Program.--

21 \* \* \*

22 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
23 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

24 "Displaced homemaker" or "single parent." An individual who:

25 (1) Has worked in the home, providing unpaid household  
26 services for family members.

27 (2) Is underemployed.

28 (3) Has had or is having difficulty securing employment.

29 (4) Has been dependent on the income of another family  
30 member but is no longer supported by such income, has been



1 dependent on government assistance or is supported as the parent  
2 of minor children by government assistance or other support.

3 "Multipurpose service center." A community-based  
4 organization, school district, joint school district or  
5 intermediate unit, postsecondary school, institution of higher  
6 learning or area [vocational-education] career and technical  
7 education school that provides job counseling services; job  
8 training, education and placement services; financial management  
9 services, outreach information services with respect to Federal  
10 and State employment and education, health and unemployment  
11 assistance programs to displaced homemakers and single parents.

12 Section 2599.2. Pennsylvania Accountability Grants.--\* \* \*

13 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

15 "Applied knowledge." Information technology, computer  
16 equipment, education software and related advanced technologies  
17 necessary to increase students' access to worldwide information  
18 and their expertise in this regard.

19 "Career awareness program." An educational program that  
20 introduces students to a variety of career and [vocational]  
21 technical options and includes such activities as job shadowing,  
22 field trips and tours, career days or the administration of  
23 career assessment tests and inventories.

24 "Career days." Special events that allow students to meet  
25 with employers, career development specialists, community-based  
26 organization representatives and postsecondary educators and are  
27 designed to encourage students to gain information about careers  
28 and job opportunities.

29 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
30 Commonwealth.



1 "Grant." A Pennsylvania accountability grant awarded under  
2 this section.

3 "Highly qualified." A highly qualified elementary teacher or  
4 a highly qualified middle or secondary teacher as defined in 22  
5 Pa. Code § 403.2 (relating to definitions).

6 "Job shadowing." As part of career exploration activities in  
7 late middle and early high school, activity of a student  
8 following an employe for one or more days to learn about a  
9 particular occupation or industry, which activity is intended to  
10 help students explore a range of career objectives and possibly  
11 to select a career pathway.

12 "Science." A curricular offering in support of the science  
13 and technology content area as defined in 22 Pa. Code § 4.12  
14 (relating to academic standards).

15 Section 2602-B. Membership.--\* \* \*

16 (e) For the purpose of formulating policy proposals  
17 applicable to elementary, secondary, [vocational-technical]  
18 career and technical education and higher education in this  
19 Commonwealth, there shall be two councils, which shall consist  
20 of ten (10) members of the board each, the chairman being a  
21 member of both councils, and shall be known as the Council of  
22 Basic Education and the Council of Higher Education. The  
23 Governor shall designate to serve at his pleasure a member  
24 serving on each council to act as chairman of the council. Each  
25 council shall meet at the call of its chairman or at the request  
26 of a majority of the members of the council. The chairman of the  
27 board may appoint special joint committees from among the  
28 members of the board to formulate policy proposals in those  
29 areas which fall within the purview of both of the councils.

30 (f) Except for the chairman, not more than two (2) members



1 serving on each council shall be employed either in a school  
2 system or in the Department of Education. For purposes of this  
3 subsection, the State System of Higher Education shall not be  
4 considered a school system. Three (3) members of the Council of  
5 Higher Education shall be actively employed by an institution of  
6 higher education, at least one holding an administrative  
7 position and at least one holding a professional position on a  
8 faculty of an institution of higher education. At least two (2)  
9 members serving on each council shall have had previous  
10 experience with [vocational-technical] career and technical  
11 education or training.

12 \* \* \*

13 Section 2604-B. Powers and Duties of Council of Basic  
14 Education and Council of Higher Education.--\* \* \*

15 (b) The Council of Basic Education shall have the power, and  
16 its duty shall be to:

17 \* \* \*

18 (2) investigate programs, conduct research studies and  
19 formulate policy proposals in all educational areas not within  
20 the purview of higher education, including, but not limited to:

21 (i) the creation, merger, consolidation and reorganization  
22 of school districts, the establishment of joint schools, area  
23 [vocational-technical] career and technical schools and such  
24 other administrative organizations as may be provided by law;

25 \* \* \*

26 (3) encourage and promote such agricultural, industrial,  
27 [vocational] career and technical education programs as the  
28 needs of this Commonwealth may, from time to time, require; and

29 \* \* \*

30 Section ~~9~~ 62. A reference in statute or regulation to "area



1 vocational-technical school" shall be deemed a reference to  
2 "area career and technical school."

3 Section ~~10~~ 63. This act shall take effect as follows:

4 (1) The following provisions shall take effect  
5 immediately:

6 (i) This section.

7 (II) THE ADDITION OF SECTION 1842.1 OF THE ACT.

8 ~~(i)~~ (III) Section ~~9~~ 62 of this act.

9 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60  
10 days.

