

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 89

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "Education;"
2 in vocational education, further providing for advisory
3 committees and providing for a workforce development program
4 clearinghouse and for PASMART online career resource center;

5 Amend Bill, page 79, lines 2 through 5, by striking out "
6 1842, 1844, 1845, 1847," in line 2, all of lines 3 and 4 and
7 "1908-B(b), 1901-C(1) and (6), 1901-D(5) and 1903-D(b) (1)" in
8 line 5 and inserting

9 and 1842

10 Amend Bill, page 81, line 17, by inserting after

11 "Committees.--"

12 (a)

13 Amend Bill, page 81, by inserting between lines 28 and 29

14 (b) An occupational advisory committee shall be established
15 for each career and technical education program or cluster of
16 related career and technical education programs offered by an
17 area vocational-technical school or school district. The
18 occupational advisory committee shall be appointed by the board
19 of directors of the area vocational-technical school or school
20 district, as applicable. A majority of the members of the
21 occupational advisory committee shall be employees and employers
22 in the occupation for which the career and technical education
23 program is provided. Each occupational advisory committee shall
24 meet at least twice each year to:

25 (1) advise the board of directors, administrators and staff
26 on curriculum, equipment, instructional materials, safety
27 requirements, program evaluation and other related matters; and

28 (2) verify that the programs meet industry standards and, if
29 appropriate, licensing board criteria, and that the programs
30 prepare students with occupation-related competencies.

31 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), to increase employer
32 participation in an occupational advisory committee required

under this section, the boards of directors of multiple area vocational-technical schools or school districts operating career and technical education programs may agree to establish a shared occupational advisory committee to serve all agreeing area vocational-technical schools or school districts, provided that all agreeing area vocational-technical schools or school districts are located within the same intermediate unit. If a shared occupational advisory committee is formed under this subsection, the occupational advisory committee shall be designed to provide equal opportunities for all agreeing area vocational-technical schools or school districts to participate, including scheduling meetings at each area vocational-technical school or school district on a rotating basis.

Section 35.1. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 1842.1. Workforce Development Program

Clearinghouse.--(a) The Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board shall, with assistance from the Department of Education, conduct a survey to determine the number and types of workforce development programs offered at secondary and postsecondary institutions. The Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board may, in consultation with the Department of Education, compile a clearinghouse of model programs discovered during the survey.

(b) The Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Industry shall encourage the use of the model programs, which may include prioritizing available grant funding for applicants seeking funds to establish workforce development programs that are modeled after the programs included in the survey, by secondary career and technical education programs, postsecondary programs and business and industry to:

(1) expand existing programs into areas of this Commonwealth where there is a need; and

(2) foster business-education partnerships.

(c) The Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board shall report its findings and actions under this section to the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, the chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives, no later than one year after the effective date of this section.

Section 1842.2. PAsmart Online Career Resource Center.--(a) The Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, shall establish a central online clearinghouse to be made available on a publicly accessible Internet website maintained by the Department of Labor and Industry. The website, which shall be available no later than the commencement of the 2021-2022 school year, shall at a minimum include an online database of the following:

(1) Postsecondary pathways and options.

1 (2) Career and technical education and workforce
2 opportunities.
3 (3) Career pathways.
4 (4) Data and statistics on employment opportunities and
5 compensation.
6 (5) Statewide and regional articulation agreements.
7 (6) Other relevant career resources.
8 (b) The online database shall be easily accessible by
9 students, parents, educators, school officials and the public.
10 Participating State agencies may utilize existing resources or
11 clearinghouses available from other agencies to compile the
12 clearinghouse information.
13 (c) Participating State agencies shall explore the
14 possibility of Federal or private funding to support the
15 clearinghouse.
16 (d) The Department of Labor and Industry, in cooperation
17 with the Department of Education and the Department of
18 Agriculture, shall ensure that the clearinghouse is updated
19 annually.
20 Section 35.2. Sections 1844, 1845, 1847, 1849, 1850.1,
21 1850.2, 1850.3, 1850.4, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1855, 1922, 1925,
22 1901-A(4) and (5), 1905-A(a)(7), 1913-A(b)(1.2), 1908-B(b),
23 1901-C(1) and (6), 1901-D(5) and 1903-D(b)(1) of the act are
24 amended to read: