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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 23, 1975

AN ACT

1 Relating to community learning and career education programs;
2 creating an independent continuing advisory agency to
3 coordinate such programs and activities connected therewith
4 and making an appropriation.

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

7 Section 1. Short Title.--This act shall be known, and may be
8 cited, as the "Community Learning and Career Education Act."

9 Section 2. Legislative Declaration.--The General Assembly
10 hereby declares: There is a need to coordinate the resources of
11 the school with the resources of the community. This
12 coordination will create the greatest opportunity for young
13 people to develop basic learning skills and to acquire the
14 fundamental competencies they will need to function in the world
15 of work, to become effective citizens, to make proper use of
16 leisure time and to survive in the marketplace. This
17 coordination also would provide more effectively for the
18 delivery of human services to adults and would assure an

1 efficient and economic use of school and community facilities.

2 Section 3. Departmental Authorization.--The Department of
3 Education is hereby authorized:

4 (1) In accordance with policies of the State Board of
5 Education, to develop a comprehensive plan for the
6 implementation of community learning and career education
7 programs in our school districts.

8 (2) To develop materials, guides and resource materials and
9 to establish training programs for school personnel so as to
10 help our local school districts develop effective community
11 learning and career education programs.

12 (3) To apply for and receive grants or awards so as to
13 further the objectives stated in section 2.

14 Section 4. Community Learning and Career Education
15 Commission.--(a) There is hereby created a continuing
16 independent advisory agency to be known as the Community
17 Learning and Career Education Commission, herein referred to as
18 the "commission."

19 (b) The commission shall consist of 15 members, as follows:

20 (1) Two shall be members of the Pennsylvania House of
21 Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the
22 minority party to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

23 (2) Two shall be members of the Pennsylvania Senate, one
24 from the majority party and one from the minority party to be
25 appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

26 (3) The other 11 members shall be appointed by the Governor
27 and shall be selected so as to broadly represent the interests
28 of school boards, teachers, students and the community-at-large.

29 (c) The term of each member shall be four years, except for
30 the original members, five of whom shall serve terms of two

1 years, five of whom shall serve terms of three years, and five
2 of whom shall serve terms of four years. The original members at
3 the first meeting of the commission shall draw lots to determine
4 which shall serve the two, three and four year terms
5 respectively. Vacancies shall be filled by appointments for the
6 unexpired terms, and shall be deemed to occur whenever a member
7 ceases to remain in the capacity for which he was appointed.

8 (d) Each member shall be reimbursed for actual expenses
9 incurred in the performance of his duties.

10 (e) A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

11 (f) The Governor shall appoint from its legislative
12 membership a chairman. Other officers, as may be desirable shall
13 be elected from the membership of the commission.

14 (g) The commission shall be subject to the act of April 9,
15 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of
16 1929."

17 Section 5. Powers of the Commission.--The commission shall
18 have the power to:

19 (1) Review the proposed plan for community learning and
20 career education and proposed revisions thereof and submit
21 recommendations to the Department of Education for changing
22 provisions prior to the adoption of such plan or revision
23 thereof.

24 (2) Periodically submit recommendations to the Department of
25 Education concerning revisions to the plan and the
26 implementation of the plan.

27 (3) Provide continuous information and data gathering
28 involving past, present and prospective educational research.

29 (4) Present an annual report and evaluation to the General
30 Assembly on the status of the Community Learning and Career

1 Education program.

2 (5) Conduct hearings and investigations at such times and
3 places as it deems necessary to exercise its powers under this
4 act.

5 (6) Request information and assistance from school districts
6 and State and local governmental agencies which shall have the
7 duty to provide such information and assistance upon request of
8 the commission.

9 Section 6. Appropriation.--For the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 1975 the sum of \$300,000 is hereby appropriated to the
11 Department of Education for the purposes stated in this act.

12 Section 7. Effective Date.--This act shall take effect
13 immediately.