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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JANUARY 20, 1999

AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation to the Department of Education for the
2 purchase of machinery and equipment for technical work force
3 development and job training programs in area vocational and
4 technical schools and community colleges.

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

7 Section 1. Definitions.

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

11 "Area vocational-technical school." A vocational school
12 operating under subdivision (c) of Article XVIII of the act of
13 March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code
14 of 1949, and that offers vocational-technical education programs
15 for specific technical occupations.

16 "Community college." A school operating under Article XIX-A
17 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the

1 Public School Code of 1949.

2 "Full-time program enrollees." All full-time enrolled
3 students at a community college who specifically participate in
4 the technical work force development and job training program at
5 the college.

6 "Machinery and equipment." Machines, machine parts, tools,
7 hardware or other related elements that operate together.

8 "Occupational advisory committee." An advisory committee for
9 the technical work force development and job training program
10 for an area vocational-technical school composed of
11 representatives of local trades, industries, business, research
12 and educational agencies, occupations and administrators of the
13 participating school district and that provides advice on such
14 matters as needed for particular shops, laboratory, occupation,
15 equipment, curriculum, labor management coordination, business
16 and industrial requirements or any other items as specified and
17 pursuant to section 1842 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
18 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, and any
19 regulations relating thereto.

20 "Technical work force development and job training program."
21 A secondary and postsecondary educational program designed to
22 train for specific technically advanced skills that coincide
23 with employment vacancies and needs in local industry clusters,
24 occupations or business.

25 Section 2. Appropriation.

26 The sum of \$10,000,000, is hereby appropriated to the
27 Department of Education for the fiscal year July 1, 1999, to
28 June 30, 2000. From this sum, \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to
29 area vocational-technical schools and \$5,000,000 shall be
30 allocated to community colleges in accordance with the

1 following:

2 (1) Each area vocational-technical school shall be
3 reimbursed up to 50% of the purchase price of machinery and
4 equipment purchased in accordance with the recommendations of
5 the occupational advisory committee for that school regarding
6 the school's technical work force and job training programs.
7 The basis for a committee's recommendations to the area
8 vocational-technical school shall be to upgrade or enhance,
9 or both, vocational secondary education programs that provide
10 technical skills training and promote cooperative work force
11 development initiatives between the schools and the
12 industries, industry clusters, businesses or occupations
13 represented on the occupational advisory council.

14 (2) A community college that maintains full-time
15 enrollments in a work force development program and purchases
16 machinery and equipment for those programs shall be eligible
17 for a portion of the funds appropriated under this section.
18 The amount distributed to each eligible community college
19 will be determined by the total number of full-time program
20 enrollees divided by the amount of the appropriation
21 designated for community colleges under this act. All money
22 distributed to eligible community colleges under this act
23 shall be used solely for the purchase of machinery and
24 equipment for the work force development programs.

25 Section 3. Effective date.

26 This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, or immediately,
27 whichever is later.