

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 847 Session of  
1999

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 7, 1999

## 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," providing an incentive program to  
6 increase enrollment at area vocational-technical schools; and  
7 making an appropriation.

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

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

13 Section 2595.1. Area Vocational-Technical School Enrollment  
14 Incentive Program.--(a) Any school district that sponsors an

1 area vocational-technical school is eligible to participate in  
2 the enrollment incentive program.

3 (b) Incentives based on the criteria in section 2595 shall <—  
4 be provided annually to school districts which sponsor area  
5 vocational-technical schools and which meet or exceed their  
6 enrollment goal, as GOALS AS THOSE ENROLLMENT GOALS ARE <—  
7 established in the area vocational-technical schools articles of  
8 agreement.

9 (c) Enrollment goals shall be based on enrollments during <—  
10 the year prior to the year in which enrollment incentives are  
11 paid compared to enrollment during either the immediately  
12 preceding year or the average of the two immediately preceding  
13 years, whichever is less. PAYMENT OF ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS <—  
14 TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT MEET OR EXCEED THEIR ENROLLMENT GOALS  
15 SHALL BE BASED ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INCREASE IN STUDENT  
16 ENROLLMENT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, ENROLLMENT GOALS  
17 SHALL BE ENROLLMENT GOALS IN EFFECT IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE  
18 YEAR IN WHICH THE ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID.

19 (C) ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 EDUCATION FOR ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION BY  
21 SUBMITTING DATA SHOWING THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS MET OR  
22 EXCEEDED ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL. DATA SHOWING THAT THE SCHOOL  
23 DISTRICT HAS MET OR EXCEEDED ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL MUST COMPARE  
24 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT IN AN AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL  
25 SCHOOL IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR FOR WHICH ENROLLMENT  
26 INCENTIVES ARE PAID TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT IN AN  
27 AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE YEAR FOR WHICH  
28 ENROLLMENT INCENTIVES ARE PAID.

29 (D) FOR PURPOSE OF THE SECTION, A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE  
30 ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS UNDER THE FOLLOWING

1 CIRCUMSTANCES:

2 (1) WHERE A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT DATA SHOWS THAT THE  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS MET ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL, THE INCREASE IN  
4 STUDENT ENROLLMENT SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE  
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT GOAL AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
6 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT IN AN AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE  
7 YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS  
8 PAID.

9 (2) WHERE A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT DATA SHOWS THAT THE  
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS EXCEEDED ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL, THE INCREASE  
11 IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
12 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACTUAL ENROLLMENT IN THE AREA VOCATIONAL-  
13 TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT IN THE  
14 AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR  
15 FOR WHICH THE ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE IS PAID.

16 (E) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
17 THAT APPLIES FOR ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS UNDER SUBSECTION (C)  
18 AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY  
19 MULTIPLYING THE INCREASE IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT AS DETERMINED BY  
20 SUBSECTION (D) BY A FIXED AMOUNT PER STUDENT ESTABLISHED  
21 ANNUALLY WHEN THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE AREA VOCATIONAL-  
22 TECHNICAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED.  
23 THE FIXED AMOUNT PER STUDENT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO THOUSAND  
24 DOLLARS (\$2,000).

25 (F) ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS SHALL BE PAID ONLY TO SCHOOL  
26 DISTRICTS THAT QUALIFY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B).

27 Section 2. The sum of \$10,000,000, or as much thereof as may  
28 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of  
29 Education for the fiscal year July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2000,  
30 for purposes of enrollment incentive payments for area

1 vocational-technical schools.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.