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AN ACT

1 Providing for publication of information concerning online
2 learning opportunities offered by Pennsylvania colleges and
3 universities; and imposing duties on the Department of
4 Education.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Online
9 Learning Act.

10 Section 2. Duty of Department of Education.

11 The Department of Education shall publish a directory that
12 includes information about Pennsylvania colleges and
13 universities which offer online degrees and certificates.

14 Section 3. Publication.

15 The Department of Education shall publish the directory in
16 the Pennsylvania Bulletin as a notice, codify it in the
17 Pennsylvania Code and make it available on the Department of
18 Education's Internet website.

1 Section 4. Contents.

2 The information published under section 1 shall include:

3 (1) A list of the degree programs offered by each
4 institution which is listed in the directory.

5 (2) A list of each institution's online degree programs.

6 (3) An articulation of the courses within each
7 institution's degree programs.

8 (4) The costs of each institution's degree programs.

9 (5) Eligibility for each institution's degree programs.

10 (6) Direct links to each institution's degree programs.

11 Section 5. Regulatory authority.

12 The Department of Education shall promulgate regulations
13 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

14 Section 6. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.