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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," further providing for definitions and
6 for responsibilities of school entities; repealing provisions
7 relating to concurrent enrollment committees; and further
8 providing for concurrent enrollment agreements and for
9 enrollment in concurrent courses.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The definition of "concurrent enrollment
13 committee" in section 1602-B of the act of March 10, 1949
14 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
15 July 13, 2005 (P.L.226, No.46), is amended to read:

16 Section 1602-B. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this article
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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21 ["Concurrent enrollment committee." A committee comprised of

1 representatives from a school entity and eligible postsecondary
2 institutions with which it offers a concurrent enrollment
3 program.]

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5 Section 2. Section 1611-B(a) of the act, amended July 11,
6 2006 (P.L.1092, No.114), is amended to read:

7 Section 1611-B. Responsibilities of school entities.

8 (a) Concurrent enrollment program.--A school entity seeking
9 a grant under section 1603-B(c) shall do all of the following:

10 (1) Enter into a concurrent enrollment agreement with an
11 eligible postsecondary institution or institutions as
12 required under section 1613-B.

13 [(2) Form a concurrent enrollment committee as required
14 under section 1612-B.]

15 (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii),
16 provide, no later than 90 days prior to the date on which
17 an application is submitted pursuant to subsection (c),
18 written notice of the availability of the concurrent
19 enrollment program to:

20 (A) Any nonpublic or private school for which
21 the school entity provides free transportation as
22 required under section 1361.

23 (B) Any charter school approved to operate
24 within the school entity.

25 (C) The parents of students enrolled in a home
26 education program under section 1327.1.

27 (ii) For the 2006-2007 school year, a school entity
28 shall provide the information required under this
29 subparagraph no later than 30 days prior to the date on
30 which an application is submitted under subsection (c).

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2 Section 3. Section 1612-B of the act, added July 13, 2005
3 (P.L.226, No.46), is repealed:

4 [Section 1612-B. Concurrent enrollment committees.

5 (a) Composition.--

6 (1) (i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (ii),
7 in order to be eligible for grant funds under section
8 1603-B(c), a school entity shall form a concurrent
9 enrollment committee, which shall include no fewer than
10 six members.

11 (ii) The number of committee members appointed under
12 paragraph (3) or (4) shall not exceed the number of
13 committee members appointed under paragraph (2).

14 (2) At least four members shall be appointed by the
15 board of school directors of the school entity. At a minimum,
16 the members shall include:

17 (i) A parent of a high school student enrolled in
18 the school entity.

19 (ii) A teacher employed by the school entity and
20 selected by the teachers of the school entity.

21 (iii) An administrator employed by the school entity
22 and selected by the superintendent of the school entity.

23 (iv) A member of the board of school directors of
24 the school entity, who shall be the chairman.

25 (3) At least two members shall be appointed by each
26 eligible postsecondary institution participating in the
27 concurrent enrollment program, of which at least one shall be
28 a faculty member representing a department with
29 administrative authority over one or more approved concurrent
30 courses.

1 (4) Where more than three eligible postsecondary
2 institutions participate in the concurrent enrollment
3 program, one member shall be appointed by each eligible
4 postsecondary institution.

5 (b) Duties.--The concurrent enrollment committee shall do
6 all of the following:

7 (1) Develop a proposed concurrent enrollment agreement,
8 which may include separate, individual agreements with each
9 eligible postsecondary institution with members appointed to
10 the concurrent enrollment committee.

11 (2) Present the proposed concurrent enrollment agreement
12 to the board of school directors of the school entity for
13 approval.

14 (3) Meet no less than quarterly to review the concurrent
15 enrollment program.

16 (4) Recommend any changes to the concurrent enrollment
17 program to the board of school directors of the school
18 entity.

19 (5) Develop criteria to permit students who are not
20 qualified under section 1614-B(a) to enroll in the concurrent
21 enrollment program.]

22 Section 4. Sections 1613-B(a) and 1614-B(b) of the act,
23 added July 13, 2005 (P.L.226, No.46), are amended to read:
24 Section 1613-B. Concurrent enrollment agreements.

25 (a) Deadline.--In order to be eligible for funding under
26 section 1603-B(c), a [concurrent enrollment committee] school
27 entity shall develop a concurrent enrollment agreement and
28 present it to [the board of school directors of the school
29 entity and to] each eligible postsecondary institution [with
30 members appointed to the concurrent enrollment committee]

1 participating in the concurrent enrollment program for approval
2 prior to the submission of a grant application pursuant to
3 section 1611-B(c).

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5 Section 1614-B. Enrollment in concurrent courses.

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7 (b) Optional enrollment.--A student enrolled in a school
8 district, charter school, area vocational-technical school,
9 nonpublic school, private school or home education program who
10 does not qualify under subsection (a) may enroll in concurrent
11 courses that are part of a concurrent enrollment program
12 approved by the student's school district of residence or the
13 area vocational-technical school in which the student is
14 enrolled by meeting alternate criteria [established by the
15 concurrent enrollment committee] agreed upon by the school
16 entity and the eligible postsecondary institution at which the
17 student seeks to enroll in concurrent courses, provided that the
18 charter school, nonpublic school, private school or home
19 education program awards secondary credit for a successfully
20 completed concurrent course. The student shall be included in
21 the number of students reported to the department under section
22 1611-B(b) and (c).

23 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.