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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 9, 2018

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," in preliminary provisions, providing
 6 for career information and recruitment.

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

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

12 Section 127. Career Information and Recruitment.--(a)
 13 Subject to subsection (b), a school entity shall consider all
 14 career presenters in the same manner as follows:

15 (1) School entities shall seek participation of
 16 representatives of skilled trades, area career and technical
 17 education schools, institutions of higher education, business,
 18 industry, charitable institutions or other employers regarding

1 employment, employment training or education opportunities.

2 (2) The recruitment of students by the representatives
3 specified in paragraph (1).

4 (b) A school entity shall provide the following to the
5 representatives specified in subsection (a)(1):

6 (1) Equal access to the school district's employment or
7 placement services.

8 (2) At least one opportunity during the school year to
9 provide age-appropriate career information to all students in
10 grades four through twelve individually or in a group setting.
11 If currently on school grounds, representatives may be given the
12 opportunity to speak with students in person.

13 (c) Each school entity shall document annually the school
14 entity's compliance with this section including how the school
15 entity will provide students with access to informational
16 materials and career presenters in the plan developed under 22
17 Pa. Code § 339.31 (relating to plan). Each school entity shall
18 post the plan on the school entity's publicly accessible
19 Internet website.

20 (d) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the
21 Department of Labor and Industry, shall develop standard
22 informational materials which include, but are not limited to, a
23 summary of regional workforce needs, career cluster occupations,
24 high-priority occupations, training opportunities and future
25 earning potential. The materials shall be reviewed and updated
26 annually. Each school entity shall ensure the distribution of
27 these materials during the school year and at any scheduled
28 educational or career fair.

29 (e) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
30 shall have the following meanings given to them in this

1 subsection:

2 "Institution of higher education." An accredited entity
3 which is any of the following:

4 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

5 (2) A university within the State System of Higher
6 Education.

7 (3) The Pennsylvania State University, the University of
8 Pittsburgh, Temple University, Lincoln University or any other
9 institution designated as State-related by the Commonwealth.

10 (4) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

11 (5) A college established under Article XIX-G.

12 (6) An institution of higher education located in and
13 incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to
14 confer degrees as specified in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to
15 power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards
16 and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education
17 under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges,
18 universities and seminaries).

19 (7) A private school licensed under the act of December 15,
20 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools
21 Act.

22 (8) A foreign corporation approved to operate an educational
23 enterprise under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 36 (relating to foreign
24 corporation standards).

25 "School entity." An area vocational-technical school, school
26 district, intermediate unit, cyber charter school, charter
27 school or regional charter school.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.