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SENATOR EICHELBERGER, EDUCATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
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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," 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~~

~~1 education schools, institutions of higher education, business,  
2 industry, charitable institutions or other employers regarding  
3 employment, employment training or education opportunities.~~

~~4 (2) The recruitment of students by the representatives  
5 specified in paragraph (1).~~

~~6 (b) A school entity shall provide the following to the  
7 representatives specified in subsection (a)(1):~~

~~8 (1) Equal access to the school district's employment or  
9 placement services.~~

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

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

~~21 internet website. A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS A CAREER FAIR OR <--  
22 OTHER INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON OCCUPATIONS FOR STUDENTS SHALL  
23 MAKE AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF  
24 POTENTIAL CAREERS BY SEEKING INFORMATION FROM ORGANIZATIONS SUCH  
25 AS:~~

~~26 (1) A LOCAL CHAMBER OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY;~~

~~27 (2) A LOCAL LABOR OR TRADE ORGANIZATION;~~

~~28 (3) AN AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOOL;~~

~~29 (4) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;~~

~~30 (5) A NONPROFIT OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION; AND~~

1 (6) THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES.

2 (B) EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL POST A PLAN FOR PROVIDING  
3 CAREER INFORMATION AND THE ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED ON THE SCHOOL  
4 ENTITY'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

5 ~~(d)~~ (C) The Department of Education, in collaboration with <--  
6 the Department of Labor and Industry, shall develop standard  
7 informational materials which include, but are not limited to, a  
8 summary of regional workforce needs, career cluster occupations,  
9 high-priority occupations, training opportunities and future  
10 earning potential. The materials shall be reviewed and updated  
11 annually. Each school entity shall ensure the ~~distribution~~ <--  
12 AVAILABILITY of these materials during the school year and at <--  
13 any scheduled educational or career fair.

14 ~~(e)~~ (D) For the purposes of this section, the following <--  
15 terms shall have the following meanings given to them in this  
16 subsection:

17 "Institution of higher education." An accredited entity  
18 which is any of the following:

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

20 (2) A university within the State System of Higher  
21 Education.

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

25 (4) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

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

27 (6) An institution of higher education located in and  
28 incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to  
29 confer degrees as specified in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to  
30 power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards

1 and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education  
2 under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges,  
3 universities and seminaries).

4 (7) A private school licensed under the act of December 15,  
5 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools  
6 Act.

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

10 "School entity." An area vocational-technical school, school  
11 district, intermediate unit, cyber charter school, charter  
12 school or regional charter school.

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