

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY A. DAVIS, DEAN, READSHAW, HARKINS, THOMAS, MURT, KINSEY, BARBIN, SCHLOSSBERG, MARSICO, DRISCOLL, SCHWEYER, KULIK, P. COSTA, McCLINTON, PASHINSKI, DAVIS AND KORTZ, MARCH 26, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 26, 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 reimbursements by Commonwealth and
 6 between school districts, providing for career and technical
 7 education innovation and career preparation.

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 2508.6. Career and Technical Education Innovation
 14 and Career Preparation.--(a) For the school year 2018-2019 and
 15 each school year thereafter, eight million dollars (\$8,000,000)
 16 shall be distributed by the Department of Education on a
 17 competitive basis to school districts and area vocational-
 18 technical schools to offer college and career counseling in
 19 middle and high schools in order to develop pathways for

1 students to pursue high-skill careers.

2 (b) (1) For the school year 2018-2019 and each year
3 thereafter, fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be
4 distributed by the Department of Education on a competitive
5 basis to area vocational-technical schools and to school
6 districts with eight (8) or more approved vocational-technical
7 programs to support the establishment or enhancement of career-
8 technical education programs that prepare students for success
9 in the high-skill economy.

10 (2) The programs must prepare students for high-demand or
11 high-growth occupations based on labor market data that pay a
12 family-sustaining wage and offer a career ladder for growth
13 opportunities.

14 (3) Proposals shall:

15 (i) Reflect the endorsement and participation of each of the
16 following:

17 (A) A local work force investment board.

18 (B) At least one local employer, employer umbrella
19 organization or labor organization.

20 (C) At least one institution of higher education.

21 (ii) Provide work-based learning opportunities for
22 participating students.

23 (iii) Provide the opportunity for students to earn college
24 credit or industry-recognized certification.

25 (iv) Meet other requirements as established by the
26 department.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.