

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 12, 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 vocational education, further  
 6 providing for advisory committees.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1842 of the act of March 10, 1949  
 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
 11 amended to read:

12 Section 1842. Advisory Committees.--(a) Each area  
 13 vocational-technical board operating an area vocational-  
 14 technical school and/or technical institute shall appoint an  
 15 advisory committee, composed of representatives of local trades,  
 16 industries, business research and educational agencies,  
 17 occupations, and administrators of the participating school  
 18 districts. The advisory committee shall advise the area

1 vocational-technical board on such matters as the need for a  
2 particular shop, laboratory, occupation, equipment, curriculum,  
3 labor management coordination, business and industrial  
4 requirements or selection of personnel.

5 (b) An occupational advisory committee shall be established  
6 for each career and technical education program or cluster of  
7 related career and technical education programs offered by an  
8 area vocational-technical school or school district. The  
9 occupational advisory committee shall be appointed by the board  
10 of directors of the area vocational-technical school or school  
11 district, as applicable. A majority of the members of the  
12 occupational advisory committee shall be employes and employers  
13 in the occupation for which the career and technical education  
14 program is provided. Each occupational advisory committee shall  
15 meet at least twice each year to:

16 (1) advise the board of directors, administrators and staff  
17 on curriculum, equipment, instructional materials, safety  
18 requirements, program evaluation and other related matters; and

19 (2) verify that the programs meet industry standards and, if  
20 appropriate, licensing board criteria, and that the programs  
21 prepare students with occupation-related competencies.

22 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), to increase employer  
23 participation in an occupational advisory committee required  
24 under this section, the boards of directors of multiple area  
25 vocational-technical schools or school districts operating  
26 career and technical education programs may agree to establish a  
27 shared occupational advisory committee to serve all agreeing  
28 area vocational-technical schools or school districts, provided  
29 that all agreeing area vocational-technical schools or school  
30 districts are located within the same intermediate unit. If a

1 shared occupational advisory committee is formed under this  
2 subsection, the occupational advisory committee shall be  
3 designed to provide equal opportunities for all agreeing area  
4 vocational-technical schools or school districts to participate,  
5 including scheduling meetings at each area vocational-technical  
6 school or school district on a rotating basis.

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