

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2499 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY CEPHAS, SOLOMON, KIRKLAND, BOYLE, YOUNGBLOOD,
A. DAVIS, THOMAS, HAGGERTY, BARBIN, PASHINSKI AND McCLINTON,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 18, 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 high schools, providing for
6 graduation requirements for area vocational-technical school
7 students.

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 1613.1. Graduation Requirements for Area Vocational-
14 Technical School Students.--(a) High school graduation
15 requirements for area vocational-technical school students that
16 are consistent with this section shall be approved by a school
17 entity's governing board by July 1, 2018. A copy of the
18 requirements shall be published and distributed to students,
19 parents and guardians. Copies of the requirements also shall be
20 available in each school building or on each school entity's

1 publicly accessible Internet website. Changes to high school
2 graduation requirements shall be published and distributed to
3 students, parents and guardians and made available in each
4 school building or on each school entity's publicly accessible
5 Internet website immediately following approval by the governing
6 board of the school entity.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
8 contrary, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, each school
9 entity, if applicable, shall require a student who is enrolled
10 full time in an area vocational-technical school to successfully
11 complete an internship that satisfies specifications developed
12 by the Department of Education.

13 (c) The Department of Education shall promulgate regulations
14 that include specifications for internships that provide
15 appropriate career and technical experience for students who are
16 enrolled full time in area vocational-technical schools.

17 (d) As used in this section, "school entity" shall mean a
18 school district, charter school, cyber charter school, area
19 vocational-technical school or intermediate unit.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.