

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 6, 2019

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, providing
 6 for an online career resource center.

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 1842.1. Online Career Resource Center.--(a) The
 13 Department of Education shall establish, in consultation with
 14 the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of
 15 Agriculture, a central online clearinghouse, no later than the
 16 commencement of the 2021-2022 school year, which shall at a
 17 minimum include an online database of the following:

- 18 (1) Postsecondary pathways and options.
- 19 (2) Career and technical education and workforce

1 opportunities.

2 (3) Career pathways.

3 (4) Data and statistics on employment opportunities and
4 compensation.

5 (5) Statewide and regional articulation agreements.

6 (6) Other relevant career resources.

7 (b) The online database shall be easily accessible by
8 students, parents, educators, school officials and the general
9 public. The Department of Education may utilize existing
10 resources or clearinghouses available from other agencies to
11 compile the clearinghouse information.

12 (c) The Department of Education shall explore the
13 possibility of Federal or private funding to support the
14 clearinghouse.

15 (d) The Department of Education, at least annually, shall
16 update the online database.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.