

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MULLERY, MURT, HILL-EVANS, RABB, BERNSTINE, HICKERNELL, FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, NEILSON, CALTAGIRONE, ROEBUCK, IRVIN, MILLARD, McCLINTON, THOMAS, RAPP, BROWN, HARKINS AND STRUZZI, MARCH 6, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 11, 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 a workforce development program clearinghouse.

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. Workforce Development Program

13 Clearinghouse.--(a) No later than January 1, 2020, the <--
14 Department of Education shall, in consultation with the
15 Department of Labor and Industry, conduct an inventory to
16 determine the number and types of workforce development programs
17 offered at secondary and postsecondary institutions. The
18 Department of Education may, in consultation with the Department

1 ~~of Labor and Industry, compile a clearinghouse of model programs~~  
2 ~~discovered during the inventory. The Department of Education THE~~ <--  
3 PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SHALL, WITH ASSISTANCE  
4 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CONDUCT A SURVEY TO DETERMINE  
5 THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED  
6 AT SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS. THE PENNSYLVANIA  
7 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MAY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, COMPILE A CLEARINGHOUSE OF MODEL  
9 PROGRAMS DISCOVERED DURING THE SURVEY.

10 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and the Department of Labor  
11 and Industry shall encourage the use of the model programs,  
12 which may include prioritizing available grant funding for  
13 applicants seeking funds to establish workforce development  
14 programs that are modeled after the programs included in the  
15 inventory SURVEY, by secondary career and technical education <--  
16 programs, postsecondary programs and business and industry to:

17 (1) expand existing programs into areas of this Commonwealth  
18 where there is a need; and

19 (2) foster business-education partnerships.

20 ~~(b) The Department of Education~~ (C) THE PENNSYLVANIA <--  
21 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD shall report its findings and  
22 actions under subsection (a) THIS SECTION to the chairman and <--  
23 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate,  
24 the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations  
25 Committee of the House of Representatives, the chairman and  
26 minority chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and  
27 the chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of  
28 the House of Representatives, no later than June 30, 2020 ONE <--  
29 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

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