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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, 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
19 vocational-technical board on such matters as the need for a

1 particular shop, laboratory, occupation, equipment, curriculum,
2 labor management coordination, business and industrial
3 requirements or selection of personnel.

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

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

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

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

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

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