

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MULLERY, MURT, HILL-EVANS, RABB, BERNSTINE,
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 HARKINS AND STRUZZI, MARCH 6, 2019

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 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
 19 of Labor and Industry, compile a clearinghouse of model programs

1 discovered during the inventory. The Department of Education
2 and the Department of Labor and Industry shall encourage the use
3 of the model programs, which may include prioritizing available
4 grant funding for applicants seeking funds to establish
5 workforce development programs that are modeled after the
6 programs included in the inventory, by secondary career and
7 technical education programs, postsecondary programs and
8 business and industry to:

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

11 (2) foster business-education partnerships.

12 (b) The Department of Education shall report its findings
13 and actions under subsection (a) to the chairman and minority
14 chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the
15 chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee
16 of the House of Representatives, the chairman and minority
17 chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and the
18 chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the
19 House of Representatives, no later than June 30, 2020.

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