
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. YATRON, DEVLIN, STROUP AND
SEYLER, FEBRUARY 1, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
FEBRUARY 1, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10 1949 (P L 30) entitled "An act relating to the public school system including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools amending revising consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto" providing for the creation and operation of community colleges giving certain powers to the State Council of Higher Education increasing the power of school districts to levy additional taxes for the operation of community colleges and providing for certain pay-

EXPLANATION.—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

ments by the Commonwealth for students enrolled in community colleges

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 The act of March 10 1949 (P L 30) known as the
2 "Public School Code of 1949" is amended by adding after Article XX
3 a new article to read

4 Article XX-A

5 Community Colleges

6 Section 2001-A Definitions A used in this article unless the context
7 shall otherwise require the following terms shall mean

8 (1) "State Council" The State Council of Higher Education

9 (2) "Community College" A college established and operated pur-
10 suant to the provisions of this article by an individual school district or
11 a combination of school districts acting independently or in cooperaton
12 with an approved college or university which provides a two-year post-
13 secondary educational program pursuant to standards rules and regula-
14 tions prescribed by the State Council

15 (3) "Local Sponsor" Any school district or combination of school

1 districts participating in the establishment and operation of a community
2 college

3 Section 2002-A Establishment of Community Colleges Any local
4 sponsor desiring to establish a community college shall prepare and sub-
5 mit to the State Council for approval a plan to establish a community
6 college

7 A community college shall be deemed established upon the approval
8 of the State Council

9 Section 2003-A Powers and Duties of the State Council The State
10 Council shall have the power and its duty shall be

11 (1) To develop a master State-plan for the establishment of com-
12 munity colleges throughout the Commonwealth taking into account
13 such factors as density of population geographical location financial
14 ability of the local sponsor and adequacy of other higher educational op-
15 portunities in the area of the local sponsor

16 (2) To establish formulate and prescribe standards criteria and rules
17 and regulations for the establishment operation and maintenance of
18 community college including (i) physical facilities including buildings
19 equipment laboratories and library (ii) faculty qualifications and teaching

1 schedules (iii) admission of students (iv) student enrollment (v) curricula
2 (vi) financial resources (vii) degrees and diplomas and (viii) catalogue
3 and announcements

4 (3) To approve or disapprove plans for the establishment of com-
5 munity colleges and

6 (4) To approve or disapprove the formation of joint boards of
7 school directors for the establishment operation and maintenance of
8 community colleges

9 Section 2004-A Board of Trustees (a) The affairs of any community
10 college established under this article shall be supervised and administered
11 by a board of trustees The board shall be composed of five members
12 appointed by a majority of the combined members of the board or boards
13 of school directors comprising the local sponsor to serve for terms of
14 five years except that initial appointments shall be made for terms of
15 one to five years respectively Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired
16 terms in the same manner as original appointments The board shall
17 select its own chairman from among its membership Trustees shall re-
18 ceive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their
19 expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance
20 of their duties under this article A trustee may succeed himself

1 (b) A trustee of a community college shall not at the same time
2 serve as a member of a local school board of directors

3 (c) The board of trustees of a community college shall meet at
4 such times as it shall determine but shall meet once each year during
5 the first week in May for the purpose of organization and consideration
6 and adoption of the annual community college budget. The officers
7 of the board of trustees shall be a president vice-president secretary
8 and treasurer. The term of office shall be for one year. Officers may
9 succeed themselves. Terms of office shall begin on the first Monday of
10 July following the election and shall terminate on the first Monday of
11 July in the following year.

12 Section 2005-A Treasurer Bond Audit. The treasurer of each com-
13 munity college shall give a bond approved by the board of school di-
14 rectors of the district or districts establishing it to be filed with the
15 president of any one of the boards of school directors comprising the
16 local sponsor. The account of the treasurer shall be audited by a certified
17 public accountant selected by the board of trustees. The community
18 college treasurer shall be subject to all the provisions of this act appli-
19 cable to the treasurer of any school district as far as they apply to him

1 Section 2006-A Powers and Duties Subject to the applicable pro-
2 visions of this act each board of trustees operating a community college
3 shall have power and its duty shall be

4 (1) To employ properly qualified administrators supervisors and
5 teachers and all other persons necessary to carry on the work of the
6 community college and to determine the salaries to be paid All persons
7 so employed shall have the same rights of membership in the Public
8 School Employes' Retirement Association as employes of school dis-
9 tricts

10 (2) To enter into agreements with existing colleges universities or
11 junior colleges to exchange share or coordinate their faculties in whole
12 or in part

13 (3) To provide buildings equipment and a basic library

14 (4) To purchase lease rent improve or sell land and to build repair
15 improve lease rent buy and sell buildings

16 (5) To purchase all necessary furniture implements books materials
17 equipment and supplies

18 (6) To accept and receive gifts of real and personal property and
19 Federal State and local moneys and grants and to expend the same Any

1 school district may convey land and buildings and contribute money

2 raised by taxation for the purposes of the community college

3 (7) To make contracts with counties cities boroughs towns townships

4 and school districts or other agencies for carrying out the purposes of

5 this article

6 (8) To make an annual report in writing to the local sponsor and

7 to the State Council and such other reports as the State Council requires

8 (9) To accept students in the community college when deemed de-

9 sirable from districts not participating in its establishment and mainte-

10 nance

11 (10) To establish classifications of students and charge such tuition

12 and fees for the various classifications as are deemed necessary for the

13 operation and maintenance of the community college and

14 (11) To exercise such other powers and duties as are necessary to

15 carry into effect the purposes of this article

16 Section 2007-A Right to Attend No person shall be prevented from

17 attending any community college because of color religion creed national

18 origin or sex

19 Section 2008-A Taxation—The board of school directors of any dis-

20 trict sponsoring or co-sponsoring a community college may levy annually

1 a tax up to but not exceeding four (4) mills on each dollar of total ass-
2 essment on all property assessed and certified for taxation in the district
3 for the purpose of establishing operating and maintaining a community
4 college when the following question is approved by a majority of the
5 electors of the district voting on such question "Shall the board of school
6 directors levy additional taxes within the limits permitted by law for
7 the purpose of contributing toward the operation and maintenance of
8 a community college" Such question may be submitted to the electorate
9 of the district at any general or municipal election in the form and
10 manner provided by the general election laws of this Commonwealth
11 for the submission of similar questions The tax levy herein authorized
12 shall be in excess of and beyond the millage fixed or limited for school
13 purposes by other provisions of this act

14 Section 2009-A Commonwealth Payments Every local sponsor op-
15 erating a community college established under this article shall be paid
16 by the Commonwealth for every student residing in the Commonwealth
17 enrolled in such college and taking a minimum of fifteen (15) semester
18 hours of instruction each semester the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) per

- 1 semester The schedule of such payments shall be in accordance with
- 2 rules and regulations of the State Council
- 3 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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 Chief Clerk, Senate

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 President pro tempore, Senate

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 Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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 Governor