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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 establishment and maintenance of regional vocational technical schools imposing powers and duties on school boards the Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Vocational Education relative thereto providing for the finan-

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

cing and construction of buildings defining certain terms and providing for payments by the Commonwealth

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

1 Section 1 Clause (1) of section 1806 act of March 10 1949 (P L 30)
2 known as the "Public School Code of 1949" amended May 9 1949
3 (P L 939) is amended to read

4 Section 1806 Administration by School Districts Any school district
5 may through its board of school directors

6 (1) Establish and maintain vocational technical vocational industrial
7 vocational agricultural vocational homemaking [and] vocational dis-
8 tributive occupational post high school vocational and technical educa-
9 tion of less than college level schools or departments

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11 Section 2 Sections 1841 and 1842 of the act added August 21 1953
12 (P L 1223) are amended to read

18 Section 1841 Area or Regional Vocational Technical Schools
14 Authorized The county board of school directors of each county in-
15 dividually or jointly with the board of one or more other counties

1 boards of school directors of first class or first class A districts individ-
2 ually or jointly second class districts jointly or third class districts
3 jointly may on or subsequent to the first day of June one thousand nine
4 hundred fifty-five establish maintain conduct and operate schools de-
5 partments or classes for vocational industrial education vocational agri-
6 cultural education vocational homemaking education [and] vocational
7 distributive occupational education and post high school vocational and
8 technical education of less than college level to be known as "area or
9 regional vocational technical schools" for the benefit of pupils and adults
10 residing in school districts not providing [trade and industrial schools
11 and departments] adequate vocational courses Area or regional voca-
12 tional technical schools as approved by the State Board for Vocational
13 Education may be organized as [technical] educational service centers
14 in which pupils may enroll full-time or in which pupil enrolled in
15 academic high schools may elect to attend part-time

16 Section 1842 Advisory Committees [Each county board of school
17 directors] The board of school directors legally constituted and author-
18 ized to operate an area vocational technical school shall appoint an ad-
19 visory committee composed of members representing local trades indus-

1 tries occupations and administrators of the participating school districts
2 The advisory [board] committee shall advise the [county] board of
3 school directors [boards of school directors] operating [vocational
4 schools or departments and school administrators having the manage-
5 ment of] area technical schools [or of vocational schools or depart-
6 ments] on such matters as the need for a particular shop equipment
7 curriculum labor management co-ordination or selection of personnel

8 Section 3 Section 1843 of the act added August 21 1953 and clause
9 (16) added June 1 1956 (P I. 2018) is amended to read

10 Section 1843 Powers and Duties of [County] Area or Regional
11 Vocational Technical School Boards Subject to the applicable provisions
12 of this act each [county] board of directors of vocational technical
13 schools shall have power and its duty shall be

14 (1) To make a survey to determine the vocational education needs
15 of the school districts under [the] its jurisdiction [of the county super-
16 intendent and other districts wishing to participate]

17 (2) To make and establish and from time to time alter and amend
18 rules and regulations for the transaction of its business and for the
19 administration of the work under its charge

1 (3) To employ temporary professional and professional employes
2 supervisors and teachers and to employ all other persons necessary to
3 carry on vocational education and to determine the salaries to be paid
4 All professional employes so employed shall have the same rights of
5 tenure minimum salaries and increments and membership in the Public
6 School Employes' Retirement Association as professional employes of
7 school districts

8 (4) To purchase lease rent improve or sell land and to build re-
9 pair improve lease rent buy and sell buildings

10 (5) To acquire real property by purchase gift or condemnation for
11 the purposes of area or regional vocational technical schools Such con-
12 demnation proceedings shall be instituted and conducted by the board
13 in the name of the participating school districts in the same manner as
14 provided by this act in the case of school districts

15 (6) To purchase all necessary furniture implements books materials
16 equipment and supplies

17 (7) To make contracts with counties cities boroughs towns town-
18 ships and school districts or other agencies for carrying out the purposes
19 of this subdivision of this article

1 (8) To make an annual report in writing to the Department of
2 Public Instruction and such other reports as the department may re-
3 quire

4 (9) When authorized by the participating school districts and
5 on behalf of such districts to enter into agreements with the State
6 Public School Building Authority or municipality authorities to buy
7 land build alter lease equip and operate facilities for public vocational
8 education of less than college grade

9 (10) To establish attendance areas and to assign the school dis-
10 tricts to be included in each

11 (11) To accept pupils in area or regional vocational technical
12 schools from districts not participating in their establishment and main-
13 tenance

14 (12) To assign pupils residing within school districts under [the]
15 its jurisdiction [of the county superintendent] to vocational schools or
16 departments maintained by school districts of the first first A second
17 or third class with the approval of the districts maintaining such schools
18 or departments and to pay tuition for pupils permitted to attend such
19 vocational schools or departments

1 (13) To locate area or regional vocational technical schools ac-
2 cording to the majority vote of the school directors [present in con-
3 vention] from the school districts served by the area or regional voca-
4 tional technical school

5 (14) To enter into joint agreements with school districts of the
6 second or third class operating vocational schools suitable for use as
7 area or regional vocational technical schools

8 (15) Such other powers and duties as are necessary to carry into
9 effect the purposes of this act

10 (16) To estimate and file with the Department of Public Instruc-
11 tion on or before the first day of July each year the cost of classes
12 and schools operated as area or regional vocational technical schools or
13 classes for area or regional vocational technical schools whenever
14 such classes and schools are authorized

15 Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the
16 expenditure of any funds prior to the first day of June one thousand
17 nine hundred fifty-five

18 Section 4 Sections 1844 and 1845 of the act added August 21 1953
19 (P L. 1223) are amended to read

1 Section 1844 Establishment of Schools [The county board of
2 school directors of each county shall call a convention of school direc-
3 tors of the school districts of each attendance area to meet separately
4 by attendance areas on or before the first day of April one thousand
5 nine hundred fifty-four to discuss and vote on the establishment of area
6 technical schools If approved by a majority of all the school directors
7 of the districts within an attendance area the county board of school
8 directors shall proceed to organize establish and operate an area tech-
9 nical school in the attendance area on or subsequent to the first day
10 of June one thousand nine hundred fifty-five School districts voting
11 against participating in the area technical school shall again vote on
12 the question at least once during each two years thereafter] An area
13 or regional vocational technical school may be established by the major-
14 ity vote of school directors of districts participating in the determina-
15 tion of the establishment of such school Districts may participate in
16 this determination as follows first class or first class A districts in-
17 dividually or jointly second class districts jointly third class districts
18 jointly or county boards individually or jointly
19 If approved by a majority of the school directors representing the
20 participating districts the area comprised by these districts shall consti-

1 tute an attendance area subject to the approval of the State Board for

2 Vocational Education

3 All districts in which a majority of the school directors gave their

4 approval shall further explore the establishment of an area or regional

5 technical school Within sixty days after the vote to establish an attend-

6 ance area the president of the school board of each district which gave

7 its approval or a board member whom he shall designate shall meet to

8 develop recommendations to be made to the boards of the participating

9 districts as to the type of administrative organization permissible in

10 the school code under which the area school will operate

11 Section 1845 Cost of Establishment Etc Ownership of Property

12 All expenses in connection with the establishment of area or regional

13 vocational technical schools and additions and improvements thereof

14 shall be borne by the school districts participating therein in the pro-

15 portions agreed on by the respective districts Any school district not

16 participating in the original establishment of an area or regional voca-

17 tional technical school which later elects to become a participant shall

18 contribute to the cost of the school an amount agreed on with the then

19 participating districts and shall make such further annual payments

20 on account of obligations to the [State Public School Building Author-]

1 [ity or rentals under leases with municipality authorities] appropriate
2 authority as shall be agreed on All property of each area or regional
3 vocational technical school shall be owned jointly by the several school
4 districts participating in the establishment maintenance and operation
5 thereof in the proportion the contribution of each to the cost of ac-
6 quisition construction and improvement bears to the total cost

7 Section 5 Section 1847 of the act amended June 1 1956 (P L
8 2018) is amended to read

9 Section 1847 Attendance of Pupils from Nonparticipating Dis-
10 tricts On obtaining the consent of the [county] board of school di-
11 rectors operating an area or regional vocational technical school and
12 with or without the consent of the board of school directors of the
13 district where the pupil resides any pupil residing in a nonparticipating
14 district [within an attendance area where an area technical school is
15 being operated] may attend the area or regional vocational technical
16 school The school district where the pupil resides shall be charged for
17 each pupil attending the area or regional vocational technical school
18 an amount equal to the total budget for operating expenses including
19 debt service and capital outlay divided by the number of pupils en-
20 rolled in the school

1 Section 6 Sections 1848 1849 and 1850 of the act added July 13
2 1957 (P L 899) are amended to read

3 Section 1848 State-wide Plan of Area or Regional Vocational
4 Technical Schools The State Board for Vocational Education [may]
5 shall formulate and adopt a state-wide plan of area or regional voca-
6 tional technical school attendance areas in counsel with [county and
7 district] appropriate school [superintendents] officials industrial labor
8 and lay representatives for the purpose of controlling promoting and
9 administering area or regional vocational technical schools and classes
10 taking into consideration population density community interests fa-
11 cility of transportation existing facilities school organization and finan-
12 cial ability The plan shall specifically define attendance areas minimum
13 facility pupil capacity curricular scope and objectives of the program
14 to be offered therein in accordance with standards and regulations
15 adopted by the State Board for Vocational Education

16 Section 1849 Petitions for Change of Plan Future development
17 of area or regional vocational technical schools shall after approval of
18 the State plan conform to the plan and the school directors of a specified
19 attendance area having reason to question the practicability of the

1 State plan for the specific attendance area or desiring to change the spe-
2 cified area may present the case to a committee of the State Board for
3 Vocational Education with petition for change The decision of the
4 State board thereon shall be final

5 Section 1850 Area Vocational Technical Joint School Board Com-
6 mittee Determination of the type of school administration organization
7 established to operate the area vocational technical school or classes
8 under [the county board of school directors] a board legally constituted
9 and authorized to operate an area vocational technical school shall be
10 according to mutual agreement between the school directors of the
11 participating school districts [When] when the organization so agreed
12 upon is approved by [the county board of school directors and] the State
13 Board for Vocational Education [the] The organization of school di-
14 rectors shall be designated as the Area Vocational Technical Joint
15 School Board Committee and shall be extended all rights privileges
16 and authority provided by law to area vocational technical schools

17 Section 7 The act is amended by adding after section 1850 four
18 new sections to read

19 Section 1851 Contracts with the Department of Public Instruc-
20 tion to Lease Area or Regional Vocational Technical Schools Constructed

1 by the General State Authority Whenever a first class or first class A
2 district individually or jointly a second class district jointly third class
3 districts jointly a county board or a regional vocational technical school
4 board of a county or counties acting jointly under a county board or
5 a regional vocational technical school board has been legally authorized
6 to establish operate and maintain an area or regional vocational tech-
7 nical school as outlined in this act the county board of school directors
8 or regional vocational technical school board may request the Depart-
9 ment of Public Instruction to construct and equip suitable facilities for
10 the use of the area or regional vocational technical school Upon petition
11 of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction the General State
12 Authority shall acquire lands and buildings that can be made suitable
13 for an area or regional vocational technical school make necessary
14 alterations thereto or acquire lands and construct buildings and supply
15 equipment therefor It shall lease the lands and buildings to the De-
16 partment of Public Instruction which shall in turn lease the same to
17 a board legally constituted and authorized to operate an area or regional
18 vocational technical school for the temporary or permanent use there-
19 of by the area or regional vocational technical school Each school shall
20 serve a county a part of a county parts of two or more counties or two

1 or more counties The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall not
2 approve the expenditures of any funds for area or regional vocational
3 technical schools which include the construction of bleachers athletic
4 fields athletic field lighting equipment athletic uniforms and clothing
5 apparatus to promote and conduct intramural or interscholastic athletics
6 or any other type of extra-curricular activities or contests excepting
7 where the area or regional vocational technical school is approved as
8 a high school

9 Section 1852 Regional Vocational Technical School Board Com-
10 mittee Composition and Organization When school districts from two
11 or more counties participate in the operation of an area vocational
12 technical school the administration of such a school will be the responsi-
13 bility of a regional vocational technical school board committee com-
14 posed of not less than one representative of each of the county boards
15 of school directors participating in the operation of the school and rep-
16 resentatives of participating districts in a proportion equal to the ratio
17 which the total school enrollment of the participating districts of each
18 county bears to the total school enrollment of the participating dis-
19 tricts of all counties

1 The regional vocational technical school board committee shall
2 organize annually during the month of December by electing a presi-
3 dent and vice-president respectively who shall perform the duties im-
4 posed on similar officers of boards of school directors The regional
5 vocational technical school board committee shall at the organization
6 meeting in December immediately following its organization and each
7 four years thereafter elect a secretary and treasurer The regional voca-
8 tional technical school board shall designate a county or district super-
9 intendent of one of the participating counties or school districts to
10 administer and supervise any vocational technical school or schools
11 established and operated by or under the direction of the regional
12 vocational technical school board

13 Section 1853 Annual Rental Cost For area or regional vocational
14 technical school building projects constructed leased or purchased by
15 the General State Authority and leased by the Department of Public
16 Instruction to any board legally constituted and authorized to operate
17 an area or regional vocational technical school The Department of
18 Public Instruction shall deduct annually from any moneys due the sev-
19 eral school districts participating in the operation and maintenance
20 of area or regional vocational technical schools an annual rental cost

1 obtained by adding the amount of the fixed annual rental cost to the
 2 amount of the pupil rental cost

3 Fixed annual rental is obtained by dividing the total annual rental
 4 cost by six multiplying the quotient by a number obtained by dividing
 5 the market evaluation of the participating district by the total market
 6 value of all participating districts

7 The pupil annual rental cost shall be ten dollars (\$10) multiplied by
 8 the ADM of students attending the area or regional vocational technical
 9 school from the district of residence

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$$\text{Fixed Annual Rental} = \frac{a}{6} \times \frac{x}{y}$$

11
$$x$$

12
$$6 \frac{y}{y}$$

18 a = Total Annual Rental

14 x = Market Value of a participating district

15 v = Total Market Value of all participating districts

16 Section 1854 Vocational and Technical Education Programs The
 17 State Board for Vocational Education shall adopt and prescribe stand-
 18 ards and regulations for the proper vocational education for secondary

1 school students and post secondary school students in vocational and
2 technical subjects of less than college grade

3 Except as herein otherwise provided it shall be the duty of the
4 board of school directors of all school districts to provide and maintain
5 programs of vocational and technical education which conform to the
6 standards and regulations prescribed by the State Board for Vocational
7 Education Such programs may be offered by districts of the first class
8 first class A individually or jointly second class districts jointly third
9 class districts jointly and by county boards individually or jointly The
10 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be responsible for the crea-
11 tion of administrative organizations to establish and operate vocational
12 and technical programs and shall enforce the provision of this act relat-
13 ing thereto Where in the judgment of the State Board for Vocational
14 Education the provisions of this act relating to the organization and
15 operation of vocational and technical education programs have not been
16 complied with and the needs of the youth and adults are not being ade-
17 quately served the Department of Public Instruction is hereby author-
18 ized to provide including the cost of leasing building and equipping
19 educational facilities when necessary maintain administer supervise and

1 operate classes and schools for the proper vocational and technical
2 education of the youth and adults Pupil eligibility for enrollment in
3 vocational and technical programs shall be according to standards pro-
4 mulgated by the State Board for Vocational Education For each student
5 enrolled in any school or class operated by the Department of Public
6 Instruction the school district in which the student is resident shall pay
7 to the Commonwealth an amount equal to the total budget for operating
8 expenses including debt service and capital outlay divided by the number
9 of students enrolled in the school plus a sum equal to ten per centum of
10 such charges In order to facilitate such payments by the several school
11 districts the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall withhold out of
12 any State appropriation due such school district an amount equal to the
13 district's pro rata share of the total cost as determined under the pro-
14 visions of this act

15 Section 8 Section 1922 of the act amended May 14 1949 (P L 1365)
16 is amended to read

17 Section 1922 Vocational Education for Out-of-School Youth and
18 Adults The board of school directors of any school district or area or
19 regional vocational technical school when requested in writing by

1 [twenty (20)] fifteen (15) or more out-of-school youth or adults having
2 an administratively feasible educational objective which has been pro-
3 vided for in the State Plan for Vocational Education for which facilities
4 are available shall inaugurate and maintain such programs so long as
5 enrollment conditions warrant

6 Section 9 Clause (2) of section 2501 of the act amended July 17
7 1959 (P L 538) is amended to read

8 Section 2501 Definitions For the purposes of this article the follow-
9 ing terms shall have the following meanings

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11 (2) "Teaching Units" consist of twenty-two (22) high school pupils
12 or twenty-two (22) post high school pupils enrolled in vocational and
13 vocational technical curriculum of less than college level or thirty (30)
14 elementary school pupils Fractions thereof shall be fractional teaching
15 units If a district's pupil-teacher ratio exceeds thirty-three (33) its dis-
16 trict teaching units shall be obtained by multiplying the total number of
17 all teaching units as defined above by thirty-three (33) and dividing the
18 product so obtained by the pupil-teacher ratio of the district High school
19 pupils are those pupils in a secondary school program classified as such

1 by the Department of Public Instruction but in no case shall include
2 any pupils below grade seven (7)

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4 Section 10 The first paragraph of section 2502.1 of the act amended
5 December 30 1959 (P L 2088) is amended to read

6 Section 2502.1 Supplemental Payments The following supplemental
7 payments shall be made to districts of the third and fourth classes to
8 certain districts of the first class first class A and of the second class as
9 hereinafter provided and to such other districts as have been approved
10 by the Department of Public Instruction prior to July 1 1954 that are
11 the district of residence on account of pupils enrolled in elementary
12 schools or high schools operated by joint boards of which the district
13 of residence is a member

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15 Section 11 Sections 2504 and 2506 of the act amended August 21
16 1953 (P L 1223) are amended to read

17 Section 2504 Payments on Account of Vocational Curriculums
18 Every school district [and every vocational school district regardless
19 of classification] operating curricula approved by the State Board for
20 Vocational Education and every [county] board of school directors

1 [with reference to area technical schools operated by them which con-
2 form to county and State plans for technical schools or departments]
3 legally constituted and authorized to operate an area or regional voca-
4 tional technical school shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every
5 school year the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35) in vocational agricul-
6 ture and vocational industrial education twenty dollars (\$20) in voca-
7 tional home economics education and fifty dollars (\$50) in vocational
8 distributive education per pupil in average daily membership in voca-
9 tional curriculums approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruc-
10 tion

11 Section 2506 Payments on Account of Approved Travel Every
12 school district [and every vocational school district] regardless of classi-
13 fication and every [county board of school directors with reference to
14 area technical schools operated by them] board legally constituted and
15 authorized to operate an area or regional vocational technical school
16 shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year on account
17 of approved traveling expenses in the discharge of teaching and super-
18 visory responsibilities of teachers coordinators supervisors and direc-
19 tors in vocational education eighty per centum (80%) of the sum

1 expended by the school district or the board for such approved travel

2 Section 12 Section 2508.1 of the act amended July 13 1957 (P L
3 898) is amended to read

4 Section 2508.1 Payment on Account of Equipment Purchased for
5 Area or Regional Vocational Technical Schools Every county board
6 [of school directors operating approved area technical schools or
7 classes] regional vocational technical school board or area vocational
8 technical joint school board committee legally constituted and author-
9 ized to conduct an area vocational technical school shall be paid by the
10 Commonwealth annually on account of instructional equipment' ap-
11 proved purchased and installed a proportionate share of Federal and
12 State funds available and expendable for that purpose The Department
13 of Public Instruction may make advanced payment of available but
14 unencumbered State and Federal funds to expedite the purchase of
15 equipment

16 Section 13 Section 2508.2 of the act added June 1 1956 (P L
17 2018) is amended to read

18 Section 2508.2 Payments on Account of Area or Regional Voca-
19 tional Technical Schools Every county board Regional vocational tech-
20 nical school board or area vocational technical joint school board com-

1 mittee legally constituted and authorized to conduct an area vocational
2 technical school shall be paid on the first day of August and the first
3 day of January of each school year that area technical schools are
4 operated in equal installments the amount of estimated cost for
5 the operation thereof including approved vocational extension classes
6 Deductions to equal the above installments paid to the county board
7 regional vocational technical school board or area vocational technical
8 joint school board committee legally constituted and authorized to
9 conduct an area vocational technical school shall be made from reim-
10 bursements due the participating districts These deductions shall be
11 made on the basis of the per pupil cost of the program including cur-
12 rent expenses and capital outlay multiplied by the number of pupils
13 in average daily membership from each participating district Reim-
14 bursement on account of [children] students attending area or regional
15 vocational technical schools shall be made to the district of residence
16 even though the [child] student attends in area or regional vocational
17 technical school conducted [by the county board of school directors]
18 as provided in the provisions of this section

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. 1901.

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Governor