

No. 346

AN ACT

HB 1108.

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," further providing for the preparation, the submission of plans for and operation of technical institute attendance areas.

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

Section 1. Section 1841, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended August 14, 1963 (P.L.1065), is amended to read:

Section 1841. Area Vocational-Technical Schools and Technical Institutes Authorized.—An area vocational-technical board may establish, maintain, conduct and operate schools, departments or classes to prepare for vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, vocational homemaking, business and vocational distributive occupations, technical occupations, such as aides and assistants, in physical, biological, space and other sciences, mathematics, engineering, construction and design, computer programming and maintenance, and health occupations and for any other occupations requiring vocational or technical training and education, to be known as "area vocational-technical schools," for the education of pupils, out-of-school youth and adults residing in the attendance area.

[In counties of the first and second class, an] An area vocational-technical board *or several area vocational-technical boards jointly* may *provide for*, establish, [a school *or*] *maintain, conduct and operate* schools, *departments, or classes* to be known as "technical institute" [. **Such technical institute shall**] *to educate, train and* offer post high school programs and courses of *not more than* two years' duration, which will prepare out-of-school youth and adults for competency in sub-professional, technical, health service, business, commercial, merchandising and skilled occupations and for any other occupations for which technical training is helpful to an employer and increases students' qualifications for employment. Technical institute programs and courses shall be coordinated with those offered in area vocational-technical schools to insure progressive advancement of students. Such institutes shall be organized in accordance with proposals of [county boards, boards of public education, or two or more] *area vocational-technical* boards of school directors, [jointly,] which are approved by the State Board for Vocational Education. All technical institutes shall be established, operated and in all respects conform to standards prepared by the Department of [Public Instruction] *Education* and adopted by the State Board for Vocational

Education. Area vocational-technical schools, as approved by the State Board for Vocational Education, may be organized as vocational-technical service centers in which pupils may enroll full-time or in which pupils enrolled in academic high schools may elect to attend part-time. Technical institutes approved by the State Board for Vocational Education may enroll out-of-school youth and adults full-time or part-time as the students may elect.

APPROVED—The 28th day of December, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 346.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.