

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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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 terms and courses of study,
 6 providing for credit for employment at congregate care
 7 facility.

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
 11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
 12 section to read:

13 Section 1507. Credit for Employment at Congregate Care
 14 Facility.--(a) A student who is in grade eleven or twelve at a
 15 school entity or nonpublic school and who is employed, either on
 16 a paid or voluntary basis, at a congregate care facility may
 17 earn one elective credit toward graduation for each two hundred
 18 fifty (250) hours worked at the congregate care facility, for a
 19 maximum of two elective credits toward graduation.

20 (b) The school entity or nonpublic school shall develop or

1 modify an existing application process and form for the student
2 seeking elective credit under this section with the following
3 requirements:

4 (1) The application form shall require the following
5 information:

6 (i) The name of the student.

7 (ii) The name, address and telephone number of the
8 congregate care facility at which the student is employed.

9 (iii) The name of any individual supervising the student at
10 the congregate care facility.

11 (iv) The nature of the student's employment at the
12 congregate care facility.

13 (v) The number of hours that the student is employed at the
14 congregate care facility.

15 (2) The school entity or nonpublic school shall establish
16 deadlines for submission of the application and any conditions
17 that the student must meet to obtain elective credit toward
18 graduation, including verification of the number of hours worked
19 at the congregate care facility.

20 (3) The school entity or nonpublic school may not award the
21 elective credit to the student unless the school entity or
22 nonpublic school has approved the student's application and the
23 student has satisfied all the requirements under this section.

24 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
25 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
26 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

27 "Congregate care facility" shall mean any of the following:

28 (1) A long-term care nursing facility as defined in section
29 802.1 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the
30 "Health Care Facilities Act."

1 (2) A personal care home or an assisted living residence,
2 licensed by the Department of Human Services under the act of
3 June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Human Services
4 Code."

5 "Nonpublic school" shall mean a nonprofit school, other than
6 a public school in this Commonwealth, wherein a resident of this
7 Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
8 attendance requirements of this article and which meet the
9 requirements of 42 U.S.C. Ch. 21 Subch. V (relating to Federally
10 assisted programs).

11 "School entity" shall mean a school district, charter school
12 or cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area career and
13 technical school operating within this Commonwealth.

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