
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 13, 2013, as "Pennsylvania Career
2 Development Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In today's economy, all students must graduate high
4 school well informed of the vast array of career choices
5 available to them, and knowing how to pursue their aspirations
6 in order to successfully participate in Pennsylvania's
7 workforce; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Education has adopted
9 Career Education and Work Standards that require all high school
10 graduates to demonstrate their competency in the areas of career
11 awareness and preparation, career acquisition (getting a job),
12 career retention and advancement and entrepreneurship as a
13 requirement for graduation; and

14 WHEREAS, Research predicts that within the next ten years,
15 63% of all jobs in the nation will require some postsecondary
16 education and that 90% of new jobs in growing industries with
17 high wages will require some postsecondary education; and

1 WHEREAS, There is a gap between students' aspirations to
2 pursue postsecondary education or training and their
3 preparedness for such opportunities; and

4 WHEREAS, Students who graduate from high school having
5 experienced meaningful career planning and development have the
6 knowledge, skills and attitudes sought by employers, are
7 qualified for high-paying, in-demand jobs, and are better
8 prepared to contribute to a stable, world class work force for
9 Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, Underserved groups, such as minorities, students
11 with low socioeconomic status, those who are the first in their
12 families to attend college, those who have physical and academic
13 challenges, and those seeking careers that do not require a four
14 year college degree often require additional support; and

15 WHEREAS, The Capital Region Partnership for Career
16 Development collaborates with many businesses, organizations and
17 State agencies to provide students with career exploration
18 experiences, programs and resources that help them become
19 knowledgeable about traditional, nontraditional and emerging
20 postsecondary educational opportunities and career paths; and

21 WHEREAS, Schools and educators need support from the Capital
22 Region Partnership for Career Development and other
23 organizations to maintain adequate and effective career
24 development programs, as well as support for employer networking
25 and teacher training to expand their knowledge of evolving
26 career opportunities for students; and

27 WHEREAS, The Capital Region Partnership for Career
28 Development recognizes the critical need for schools, employers,
29 postsecondary institutions and various community and government
30 agencies to collaborate on workforce development to ensure

1 career success for the youth of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania designate November

3 13, 2013, as "Pennsylvania Career Development Day" in

4 Pennsylvania.