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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 14, 2024

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 three
18 hundred fifty (350) hours worked at the congregate care
19 facility, for a maximum of two elective credits toward
20 graduation.

1 (b) The school entity or nonpublic school, in coordination
2 with the Department of Education, shall develop an application
3 process and form for the student seeking elective credit under
4 this section. The following apply:

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

7 (i) The name of the student.

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

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

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

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

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

21 (3) Before any elective credit may be awarded to the
22 student, the school entity or nonpublic school must approve the
23 student's application and the student must satisfy all the
24 requirements under this section.

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

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

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

1 "Health Care Facilities Act."

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

6 "Nonpublic school" shall mean a nonprofit school, other than
7 a public school in this Commonwealth, wherein a resident of this
8 Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
9 attendance requirements of this article and which meet the
10 requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public
11 Law 88-352, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 et seq.).

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

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