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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), 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 definitions and for responsibilities of school entities; repealing provisions relating to concurrent enrollment committees; and further providing for concurrent enrollment agreements and for enrollment in concurrent courses.

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

Section 1. The definition of "concurrent enrollment committee" in section 1602-B of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added July 13, 2005 (P.L.226, No.46), is amended to read:

Section 1602-B. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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["Concurrent enrollment committee." A committee comprised of

representatives from a school entity and eligible postsecondary institutions with which it offers a concurrent enrollment program.]

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Section 2. Section 1611-B(a) of the act, amended July 11, 2006 (P.L.1092, No.114), is amended to read:

Section 1611-B. Responsibilities of school entities.

(a) Concurrent enrollment program.--A school entity seeking a grant under section 1603-B(c) shall do all of the following:

(1) Enter into a concurrent enrollment agreement with an eligible postsecondary institution or institutions as required under section 1613-B.

[(2) Form a concurrent enrollment committee as required under section 1612-B.]

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), provide, no later than 90 days prior to the date on which an application is submitted pursuant to subsection (c), written notice of the availability of the concurrent enrollment program to:

(A) Any nonpublic or private school for which the school entity provides free transportation as required under section 1361.

(B) Any charter school approved to operate within the school entity.

(C) The parents of students enrolled in a home education program under section 1327.1.

(ii) For the 2006-2007 school year, a school entity shall provide the information required under this subparagraph no later than 30 days prior to the date on which an application is submitted under subsection (c).

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Section 3. Section 1612-B of the act, added July 13, 2005 (P.L.226, No.46), is repealed:

[Section 1612-B. Concurrent enrollment committees.

(a) Composition.--

(1) (i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (ii), in order to be eligible for grant funds under section 1603-B(c), a school entity shall form a concurrent enrollment committee, which shall include no fewer than six members.

(ii) The number of committee members appointed under paragraph (3) or (4) shall not exceed the number of committee members appointed under paragraph (2).

(2) At least four members shall be appointed by the board of school directors of the school entity. At a minimum, the members shall include:

(i) A parent of a high school student enrolled in the school entity.

(ii) A teacher employed by the school entity and selected by the teachers of the school entity.

(iii) An administrator employed by the school entity and selected by the superintendent of the school entity.

(iv) A member of the board of school directors of the school entity, who shall be the chairman.

(3) At least two members shall be appointed by each eligible postsecondary institution participating in the concurrent enrollment program, of which at least one shall be a faculty member representing a department with administrative authority over one or more approved concurrent courses.

(4) Where more than three eligible postsecondary institutions participate in the concurrent enrollment program, one member shall be appointed by each eligible postsecondary institution.

(b) Duties.--The concurrent enrollment committee shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop a proposed concurrent enrollment agreement, which may include separate, individual agreements with each eligible postsecondary institution with members appointed to the concurrent enrollment committee.

(2) Present the proposed concurrent enrollment agreement to the board of school directors of the school entity for approval.

(3) Meet no less than quarterly to review the concurrent enrollment program.

(4) Recommend any changes to the concurrent enrollment program to the board of school directors of the school entity.

(5) Develop criteria to permit students who are not qualified under section 1614-B(a) to enroll in the concurrent enrollment program.]

Section 4. Sections 1613-B(a) and 1614-B(b) of the act, added July 13, 2005 (P.L.226, No.46), are amended to read:
Section 1613-B. Concurrent enrollment agreements.

(a) Deadline.--In order to be eligible for funding under section 1603-B(c), a [concurrent enrollment committee] school entity shall develop a concurrent enrollment agreement and present it to [the board of school directors of the school entity and to] each eligible postsecondary institution [with members appointed to the concurrent enrollment committee]

participating in the concurrent enrollment program for approval prior to the submission of a grant application pursuant to section 1611-B(c).

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Section 1614-B. Enrollment in concurrent courses.

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(b) Optional enrollment.--A student enrolled in a school district, charter school, area vocational-technical school, nonpublic school, private school or home education program who does not qualify under subsection (a) may enroll in concurrent courses that are part of a concurrent enrollment program approved by the student's school district of residence or the area vocational-technical school in which the student is enrolled by meeting alternate criteria [established by the concurrent enrollment committee] agreed upon by the school entity and the eligible postsecondary institution at which the student seeks to enroll in concurrent courses, provided that the charter school, nonpublic school, private school or home education program awards secondary credit for a successfully completed concurrent course. The student shall be included in the number of students reported to the department under section 1611-B(b) and (c).

Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.