WEST VIRGINIA' LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE BILL No. 7

(By Mr. Paulcut Serbert)

PASSED Feb. 5, 1960

In Effect From Passage
AN ACT to amend chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-b, relating to the establishment and operation of area vocational educational programs by the West Virginia board of vocational education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-b, to read as follows:

Article 2-b. Area Vocational Program.

Section 1. Area Vocational Educational Program; Aims and Purposes.—The aims and purposes of the area vocational educational program shall be to provide vocational
training or retraining on an organized basis designed to prepare individuals for useful employment in recognized occupations. The program shall be made available to residents of West Virginia in an area or areas designated and approved by the West Virginia board of vocational education.

Sec. 2. State Board of Education is Authorized to Establish Area Vocational Educational Program.—For the purpose of this article, the state board of education is designated as the state board of vocational education and is hereby authorized and empowered to establish, operate and maintain area vocational educational programs including the acquisition by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise of necessary lands and the construction, expansion, remodeling, alteration and equipping of necessary buildings for the purpose of operating and conducting educational training centers. It shall establish the area or areas in which the programs are to be conducted and shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this article. The administration and supervision of the area vocational educational
programs shall be administered by the director of vocational education.

Sec. 3. Vocational Educational Program Fund Established.—There is hereby established a fund to be known as "the area vocational educational program fund." All monies appropriated for such purpose by the Legislature as well as any gifts or grants made to the fund by any governmental subdivision of the state or by the United States government or by any individual, firm or corporation, to carry out the provisions of this article shall be expended by the director of vocational education under the general supervision of the state board of vocational education.

Sec. 4. Expenditure of Fund.—The director of vocational education is authorized and empowered to expend the area vocational educational program fund for salaries, teachers' retirement contributions, and necessary traveling expenses of teachers, and other necessary employees, including, but not limited to, vocational guidance counselors; to purchase, rental, maintenance and repair of instructional equipment, buildings and supplies, and for
the necessary costs of transportation of certified students.

Sec. 5. Title to Property.—Title to any property, equipment, tools, furniture or instructional materials purchased out of the fund provided herein, or as provided otherwise in section two of this article, shall be vested in the West Virginia board of vocational education. Such equipment, or other property, may be transferred to any area vocational educational program or center upon the recommendation of the state director of vocational education.

Sec. 6. Qualifications of Applicants; Rules and Regulations Governing.—Applicants desirous of participating as students in the area vocational educational programs shall be at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the state of West Virginia and shall be certified by the West Virginia department of employment security that they are not gainfully employed. The director of vocational education shall establish rules and regulations to determine the eligibility of applicants to participate in the program, in addition to the above requirements, based upon the fitness of the applicant to benefit from the instructions given: Provided, however, That persons other than those
certified as unemployed may enroll in classes in said
instructional centers upon the payment of a fee to be
established by the director of vocational education.

Sec. 7. Transportation of Students.—The state board of
teachers of vocational education is hereby authorized and empowered
to pay the transportation of any certified unemployed per-
son participating in an area vocational educational pro-
gram during the period of time that he is engaged in said
training program at any of the instructional centers.

Sec. 8. Consulting Committees.—The director of voca-
tional education may appoint a consulting committee for
each area designated, composed of members representing
business, labor, management, school administrators and
lay groups. The consulting committee shall advise the
head of the local area or training center on such matters
pertaining to shop, equipment, curriculum, labor-man-
agement coordination or selection of personnel. A state-
wide consulting committee may be appointed by the
director of vocational education to serve in the same
capacity and for the same purposes.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker, House of Delegates

The within approved this the 13th day of February, 1960.

Governor

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