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District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Renames “county vocational school districts” as “county career academies.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** renaming “county vocational school districts,” revising
2 various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing chapter 54
3 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:46-47) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, a
11 board of chosen freeholders may, by resolution, establish one board
12 of education for the county special services school district
13 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1971, c.271 (C.18A:46-29)
14 and the county **【vocational school district】** career academy
15 established pursuant to chapter 54 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
16 Statutes. This board of education shall be known as "The Board of
17 Education of the Special Services School District and the
18 **【Vocational School District】** Career Academy of the county of...."
19 This board shall have all the powers, functions and duties provided
20 to a board of education of a county special services school district
21 pursuant to article 8 of chapter 46 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
22 Statutes and a board of education of a county **【vocational school**
23 **district】** career academy pursuant to article 3 of chapter 54 of Title
24 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

25 b. The consolidated board of education established pursuant to
26 subsection a. of this section shall consist of the executive county
27 superintendent of schools, ex officio, and six persons to be
28 appointed by the chief elected executive officer of the county, or the
29 director of the board of chosen freeholders, with the advice and
30 consent of the remaining members of the board of chosen
31 freeholders, as appropriate to the appointment procedures
32 established by the form of government of the county. In any county
33 having a county mental health board, the chairman thereof, or his
34 designee, shall also serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the
35 board. At least three of the appointed members shall have an
36 interest in children with an educational disability or in the field of
37 mental health and at least three of the appointed members shall have
38 an interest in the field of vocational education. The appointed
39 members shall serve for terms of three years and shall continue to
40 serve until their successors are appointed and qualify. A vacancy in
41 the board shall be deemed to exist, and shall be filled, in the manner
42 prescribed in P.L.1979, c.302 (C.40A:9-12.1).

43 Each appointed member shall be a citizen and resident of the
44 county and shall have been a citizen and resident for at least two
45 years immediately preceding becoming a member of the board. If

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】 in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 an appointed member ceases to be a resident of the county,
2 membership on the board shall cease.

3 c. Of the initial members appointed to the board of education
4 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section, two shall serve
5 a one-year term, two shall serve a two-year term, and two shall
6 serve a three-year term. Thereafter when a term of one of the
7 appointed members expires, the vacancy shall be filled as provided
8 pursuant to this section and the member shall serve a three-year
9 term from November 1 next succeeding the date of his appointment.
10 (cf: P.L.2007, c.222, s.1)

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12 2. Section 2 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:46-48) is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 2. Whenever a board of education is established pursuant to
15 subsection a. of section 1 of this act, the board of education of the
16 county special services school district and the board of education of
17 the county **【vocational school district】** career academy shall be
18 dissolved upon the first organization of the consolidated board.
19 (cf: P.L.2007, c.222, s.2)

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21 3. Section 4 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:46-50) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 4. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to authorize the
24 consolidation of a county special services school district and a
25 county **【vocational school district】** career academy into one school
26 district. If a consolidated board of education is established pursuant
27 to subsection a. of section 1 of this act, the county special services
28 school district and the county **【vocational school district】** career
29 academy shall continue to be funded, operated, and maintained as
30 independent school districts.
31 (cf: P.L.2007, c.222, s.4)

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33 4. Section 5 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:46-51) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 5. All employees of a board of education dissolved pursuant to
36 this act shall continue in their respective assignments in the county
37 special services school district or the county **【vocational school**
38 **district】** career academy. A consolidated board of education
39 established pursuant to this act shall recognize, preserve, and
40 maintain all rights to tenure, seniority, pension, leaves of absence,
41 and all other terms and conditions of employment, whether created
42 by statute, regulation, contract, or past practice. Any periods of
43 employment with a board of education dissolved pursuant to this act
44 shall count toward the acquisition of tenure and any other rights,
45 benefits, or emoluments to the same extent as if all employment had
46 been with the consolidated board of education established pursuant
47 to this act.

48 (cf: P.L.2007, c.222, s.5)

1 5. Section 6 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:46-52) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 6. All collective bargaining units and their respective majority
4 representatives in existence in the county special services school
5 district and the county **【vocational school district】** career academy
6 prior to the consolidation of the boards of education shall be
7 maintained without change under a consolidated board of education
8 established pursuant to this act, unless they are otherwise altered
9 through an appropriate petition to the Public Employment Relations
10 Commission for a change in representation or bargaining units.
11 (cf: P.L.2007, c.222, s.6)

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13 6. N.J.S.18A:54-10 is amended to read as follows:

14 18A:54-10. Whenever the money appropriated for vocational
15 schools by the legislature, together with the amount certified by the
16 commissioner to the director of the division of budget and
17 accounting in the department of the treasury for apportionment to
18 such schools, shall be less than the amount legally applied for by
19 the several schools, then there shall be paid to each school such
20 proportionate share of the amount applied for as the total amount
21 applied for shall bear to the total amount of the appropriation and
22 apportionment for that year. Such proportionate payment shall not
23 relieve the state of its obligation toward the districts respecting
24 vocational school funds. Nothing in this section shall apply to a
25 county **【vocational school】** career academy.
26 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-10)

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28 7. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.290 (C.18A:54-10.1) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 1. For the purpose of providing vocational education courses
31 on an individual or group basis, boards of education may, according
32 to rules prescribed by the commissioner and approved by the State
33 board, enter into contracts with private vocational schools when
34 such courses cannot be provided by the county career academy or
35 regional vocational schools or other school districts or a private
36 vocational school can provide substantially equivalent training at a
37 lesser cost. Each private vocational school shall hold a current
38 license or certificate of approval issued by the State Board of
39 Education or other appropriate State board or agency and shall be
40 approved for the purposes of this act by the Commissioner of
41 Education. Such license or certificate of approval must have been
42 held by the private vocational school for at least 2 consecutive years
43 immediately preceding execution of the contract.
44 (cf: P.L.1977, c.290, s.1)

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46 8. N.J.S.18A:54-11 is amended to read as follows:

47 18A:54-11. County **【vocational schools】** career academies

1 organized after July 1, 1931, shall not, except as otherwise in this
2 chapter provided, include the territory within the school district
3 boundaries of any city having a resident public school enrollment of
4 15,000 or more, if such city is maintaining a system of vocational
5 education approved for the purposes of federal or **【state】** State
6 allotment of vocational funds by the commissioner under the
7 regulations of the **【state】** State board.
8 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-11)

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10 9. N.J.S.18A:54-11.1 is amended to read as follows:

11 18A:54-11.1. Any county **【vocational school district】** career
12 academy created or organized subsequent to July 1, 1962 in a
13 county of the second class having a population of not less than
14 375,000 nor more than 425,000 inhabitants, shall include the
15 territory within the boundaries of any city referred to in **【section】**
16 N.J.S.18A:54-11 after the date of filing in the office of the
17 commissioner of a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the
18 board of chosen freeholders of such county subsequent to the
19 organization of such county **【vocational school district】** career
20 academy and of a resolution adopted by the board of education of
21 such city (with the concurrence expressed by resolution of the board
22 of school estimate of such city and of the board or body having
23 charge of the finances of such city), setting forth the finding and
24 determination that it is in the best interests of such county
25 **【vocational school district】** career academy and of such city and its
26 school district, that such county **【vocational school district】** career
27 academy shall include the territory within the school district
28 boundaries of such city.
29 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-11.1)

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31 10. N.J.S.18A:54-11.2 is amended to read as follows:

32 18A:54-11.2. The board of education of each county **【vocational**
33 **school district】** career academy and the board of education of each
34 city referred to above in **【section】** N.J.S.18A:54-11.1, are each
35 hereby authorized and empowered to undertake and to enter into
36 agreements of any nature whatsoever necessary, desirable, useful or
37 convenient for and with respect to the assumption, operation, or
38 administration by the county **【vocational school district】** career
39 academy of any system of vocational education then being
40 maintained in such city, including, but not limited to, the transfer of
41 principals, teachers, employees, pupils or classes, the purchase,
42 grant, transfer or lease to the county **【vocational school district】**
43 career academy of any lands, schools, buildings, furnishings,
44 equipment, apparatus or supplies constituting part of or used in
45 connection with such city system, and the making of or provision
46 for payments, costs or expenses in connection with any of the

1 aforesaid, and copy of any such agreement shall be filed in the
2 office of the commissioner.

3 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-11.2)

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5 11. N.J.S.18A:54-11.3 is amended to read as follows:

6 18A:54-11.3. All principals, teachers and employees of the
7 school district in any city referred to above in **【section】**
8 N.J.S.18A:54-11.1 and who are employed in or assigned to the
9 system of vocational education in any such city shall be transferred
10 to and continue their respective employments in the employ of the
11 county **【vocational school district】** career academy from and after
12 the date of transfer provided for in any agreement entered into
13 pursuant to **【section】** N.J.S.18A:54-11.2, and their rights to tenure,
14 pension and accumulated leave of absence accorded under the laws
15 of the **【state】** State shall not be affected by the transfer to the
16 county **【vocational school district】** career academy.

17 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-11.3)

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19 12. N.J.S.18A:54-12 is amended to read as follows:

20 18A:54-12. When it has been determined by resolution of the
21 **【state】** State board that a need exists in any county for a county
22 **【vocational schools】** career academy, the **【state】** State board shall
23 transmit a copy of the resolution to the board of chosen freeholders
24 of the county. Upon receiving the copy, the board of chosen
25 freeholders shall vote on the question whether **【such schools】** a
26 career academy shall be established in the county in accordance
27 with the recommendation. If the board of chosen freeholders by a
28 majority vote favors the establishment of **【such schools】** a career
29 academy in the county, **【such schools】** a career academy shall be
30 forthwith established and maintained in the county and shall be
31 known as the "**【vocational schools】** county career academy in the
32 county of " (here insert the name of the county in which the
33 **【schools are】** career academy is located).

34 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-12)

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36 13. Section 8 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:54-12.1) is amended to
37 read as follows:

38 8. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
39 contrary, a board of chosen freeholders may, by resolution,
40 establish one board of education for the county special services
41 school district established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1971, c.271
42 (C.18A:46-29) and the county **【vocational school district】** career
43 academy established pursuant to chapter 54 of Title 18A of the New
44 Jersey Statutes, according to the provisions of sections 1 through 6
45 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:46-47 through C.18A:46-52).

46 (cf: P.L.2007, c.222, s.8)

1 14. Section 9 of P.L.2007, c.222 (C.18A:54-12.2) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 9. If a board of chosen freeholders establishes a board of
4 education pursuant to subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.2007, c.222
5 (C.18A:46-47), whenever in any law, rule, regulation, contract,
6 document, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,
7 reference is made to the board of education of the county
8 **【vocational school district】** career academy, the same shall mean
9 and refer to the consolidated board.
10 (cf: P.L.2007, c.222, s.9)

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12 15. N.J.S.18A:54-13 is amended to read as follows:

13 18A:54-13. In any county having a population not exceeding
14 100,000 inhabitants, there may be established and maintained a
15 **【vocational school】** county career academy to be known as the
16 "**【vocational school】** county career academy in the county of "
17 (here insert the name of the county in which the **【schools are】**
18 career academy is located).

19 At the request in writing of not less than 15% of the registered
20 voters of any such county the county clerk shall submit at the next
21 ensuing general election, and shall cause to be printed upon the
22 ballot to be voted at such election the following question:

23 "Shall **【vocational schools】** a county career academy be
24 established in the county of (here insert the name of the county),
25 pursuant to the provisions of article 3 of chapter 54 of Title 18A,
26 Education, of the New Jersey Statutes."

27 In squares at the right shall be placed the words "Yes" and "No."
28 Any person desiring the establishment of **【such schools】** a career
29 academy in the county shall mark a cross (x), plus (+) or check
30 (x) mark in the square opposite the word "Yes," and any person
31 opposed thereto shall make a cross (x), plus (+) or check (x)
32 mark opposite the word "No."

33 If a majority of all the ballots so voted shall favor the
34 establishment of the **【schools】** career academy, then the same shall
35 be forthwith established and maintained as provided in this chapter.
36 The results from such election shall be returned and canvassed in
37 the same manner and at the same time as other election returns are
38 canvassed.

39 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-13)

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41 16. N.J.S.18A:54-14 is amended to read as follows:

42 18A:54-14. In any second-class county of this **【state】** State in
43 which there does not presently exist a **【vocational school】** county
44 career academy established under the laws of the **【state】** State, the
45 board of chosen freeholders of such county may, by a majority vote,
46 establish a **【vocational school】** county career academy to be known
47 as the "**【vocational school】** county career academy in the county

1 of" (here insert the name of the county in which the **【school】** career
2 academy is to be located).

3 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-14)

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5 17. N.J.S.18A:54-16 is amended to read as follows:

6 18A:54-16. For each county **【system of vocational schools】**
7 career academy established in accordance with this chapter, there
8 shall be a board of education consisting of the executive county
9 superintendent of schools and four persons to be appointed;
10 provided, however, that a county of the first class which has
11 adopted a form of government pursuant to the provisions of the
12 "Optional County Charter Law" (P.L.1972, c.154; C.40:41A-1 et
13 seq.) may, by ordinance, establish a board of education consisting
14 of six, seven, or nine persons to be appointed and any other county
15 may, by ordinance, establish a board of education consisting of six
16 persons to be appointed.

17 In counties of the first class which, by ordinance, have
18 established a board consisting of six, seven, or nine persons to be
19 appointed, the appointive members shall be appointed by the chief
20 elected executive officer of the county with the advice and consent
21 of the board of chosen freeholders. In all other counties, the
22 appointive members of the board shall be appointed by the chief
23 elected executive officer of the county, or the director of the board
24 of chosen freeholders, with the advice and consent of that board, as
25 appropriate to the appointment procedures established by the form
26 of government of the county. On a board with four appointive
27 members, not more than two members, or in the case of a board
28 with six appointive members, not more than three members,
29 appointed in any such county of the second, third, fifth or sixth
30 class shall be members of the same political party, but no changes
31 for adjustment of party representation shall be made in a board
32 except as vacancies occur.

33 In making the first appointments to a board with four appointive
34 members, one person shall be appointed to serve for one year, one
35 for two years, one for three years and one for four years from
36 November 1 next succeeding the date of their respective
37 appointments. In a county of the first class which, by ordinance, has
38 established a board with seven appointive members, the chief
39 elected executive officer shall make the first appointments to the
40 board in the following manner: two shall be appointed to serve for
41 one year, two for two years, two for three years, and one for four
42 years from November 1 next succeeding the date of their respective
43 appointments. The persons so appointed shall also serve from the
44 date of their respective appointments until November 1 next
45 ensuing.

46 In the case of a board of education with four appointive members
47 on the effective date of P.L.2005, c.299 (C.18A:54-16.14 et al.) in a
48 county of the first class or any other county which determines by

1 ordinance to appoint a board with six appointive members, in
2 making the initial appointment of the two additional members, one
3 person shall be appointed to serve for two years and one person
4 shall be appointed to serve for four years from November 1 next
5 succeeding the date of their respective appointments.

6 In the case of a board of education with four appointive members
7 on the effective date of P.L.2005, c.299 (C.18A:54-16.14 et al.) in a
8 county of the first class which determines by ordinance to appoint a
9 board with seven appointive members, in making the initial
10 appointment of the three additional members, one person shall be
11 appointed to serve for two years, one person shall be appointed to
12 serve for three years, and one person shall be appointed to serve for
13 four years from November 1 next succeeding the date of their
14 respective appointments.

15 In the case of a board of education with four appointive members
16 on the effective date of P.L.2005, c.299 (C.18A:54-16.14 et al.) in a
17 county of the first class which determines by ordinance to appoint a
18 board with nine appointive members, in making the initial
19 appointment of the five additional members, one person shall be
20 appointed to serve for one year, one person shall be appointed to
21 serve for two years, one person shall be appointed to serve for three
22 years, and two persons shall be appointed to serve for four years
23 from November 1 next succeeding the date of their respective
24 appointments.

25 In the case of a board of education with seven appointive
26 members on the effective date of P.L.2005, c.299 (C.18A:54-16.14
27 et al.) in a county of the first class which determines by ordinance
28 to appoint a board with nine appointive members, in making the
29 initial appointment of the two additional members, one person shall
30 be appointed to serve for two years and one person shall be
31 appointed to serve for four years from November 1 next succeeding
32 the date of their respective appointments.

33 Annually during the month of October a member or members, as
34 the case may be, of the board shall be appointed to serve for a term
35 of four years, and thereafter until the appointment and qualification
36 of his respective successor, to take the place of the member or
37 members, as the case may be, whose term or terms shall expire on
38 November 1 then next ensuing.

39 A vacancy in the board shall be deemed to exist, and shall be
40 filled, in the manner prescribed in P.L.1979, c.302 (C.40A:9-12.1).
41 (cf: P.L.2005, c.299, s.1)

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43 18. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.396 (C.18A:54-16.8) is amended to
44 read as follows:

45 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of chapter 54 of
46 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, in all counties of the third
47 class with a population greater than 110,000 but less than 125,000
48 as of the latest federal decennial census the board of education of

1 the county **【vocational-technical school】** career academy shall
2 consist of five members to be appointed by the appointing authority
3 of the county.

4 (cf: P.L.1984, c.8, s.1)

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6 19. Section 1 of P.L.1984, c.165 (C.18A:54-16.11) is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 1. Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 54 of Title 18A of
9 the New Jersey Statutes to the contrary, in all counties of the third
10 class with a population greater than 80,000 but less than 105,000 as
11 of the latest federal decennial census the board of education of the
12 county **【vocational-technical school】** career academy shall consist
13 of at least five members to be appointed by the appointing authority
14 of the county.

15 (cf: P.L.1984, c.165, s.1)

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17 20. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.299 (C.18A:54-16.14) is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2005, c.299
20 (C.18A:54-16.14 et al.) to the contrary, if a county of the first class
21 which has a county **【vocational school】** career academy board of
22 education with seven members on the effective date of this act
23 determines by ordinance within six months of the effective date of
24 this act to appoint a board with nine members, one person shall be
25 appointed to serve for two years and one person shall be appointed
26 to serve for four years, which terms shall begin immediately upon
27 appointment and shall expire on November 1 next succeeding the
28 completion of the terms.

29 (cf: P.L.2005, c.299, s.2)

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31 21. N.J.S.18A:54-17 is amended to read as follows:

32 18A:54-17. Each member of a board of education **【for】** of a
33 county **【vocational schools】** career academy shall be a citizen and
34 resident of the county and shall have been such citizen and resident
35 for at least three years immediately preceding his becoming a
36 member of the board, and if he shall cease to be a resident of such
37 county, his membership in said board shall cease.

38 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-17)

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40 22. N.J.S.18A:54-18 is amended to read as follows:

41 18A:54-18. Each board of education **【for】** of a county
42 **【vocational schools】** career academy shall organize annually on
43 November 1 by the election of a president and vice-president,
44 unless November 1 shall fall on Sunday, in which case the board
45 shall organize on the following day.

46 If the organization meeting cannot take place on the day
47 hereinabove provided for by reason of a lack of a quorum or for any

1 other reason, said meeting shall be held within 3 days thereafter.
2 (cf: P.L.1970, c.276, s.1)

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4 23. N.J.S.18A:54-19 is amended to read as follows:

5 18A:54-19. Each such board of education shall be a body
6 corporate and shall be known as and called "the board of education
7 of the **【vocational school】** county career academy in the county of"
8 (here insert the name of the county in which such **【school】** career
9 academy shall be located).
10 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-19)

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12 24. N.J.S.18A:54-20 is amended to read as follows:

13 18A:54-20. The board of education of a county **【vocational**
14 **school district】** career academy may:

15 a. Purchase, sell, and improve school grounds, erect, purchase,
16 lease, enlarge, improve, and repair school buildings, including any
17 building or buildings for school purposes owned by any
18 municipality or school district in such county, with or without
19 furnishings and equipment, and purchase school furniture and other
20 necessary equipment;

21 b. Take and condemn land and other property for school
22 purposes in the manner provided by law regulating the
23 ascertainment and payment of compensation for property
24 condemned and taken for public uses. If either party shall feel
25 aggrieved by any proceedings and award thereunder, he may appeal
26 in the manner provided by law for appeals from such proceedings
27 and award;

28 c. Insure school buildings, furniture, and other school property,
29 and receive, lease, and hold in trust any and all real and personal
30 property for the benefit of the **【school district】** career academy;

31 d. Employ and dismiss principals, teachers, janitors,
32 mechanics, and laborers; fix, alter, and order paid their salaries and
33 compensation, and prescribe the course of study to be pursued;

34 e. Appoint a treasurer, who shall not be a member of the board
35 of education and fix his salary and term of office. The treasurer
36 shall give bond in such amounts and with such security as the board
37 shall determine;

38 f. Make, amend, and repeal rules, not inconsistent with this
39 title, or with the rules of the State board, for its own government,
40 for the transaction of business, and for the government and
41 management of the school and school property under its control;

42 g. Suspend and expel pupils from school;

43 h. Provide textbooks and other necessary supplies and
44 apparatus;

45 i. Adopt an official seal by which all its official acts may be
46 authenticated;

47 j. Make an annual report to the commissioner on or before
48 August 1 in the manner and form prescribed by him;

- 1 k. Appoint a secretary and fix his salary and term of office; and
2 l. Borrow by temporary loan such sum as may be necessary to
3 meet the current expenses of such **【school district】** career academy,
4 not exceeding 80% of the anticipated tuition payments to be
5 received from sending districts. Such temporary obligation, if any,
6 shall be paid first out of the moneys received under this chapter.
7 (cf: P.L.1990, c.52, s.72)

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9 25. Section 71 of P.L.1990, c.52 (C.18A:54-20.1) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 71. a. The board of education of each school district or regional
12 school district in any county in which there is a county **【vocational**
13 **school district】** career academy shall send to any of the schools of
14 the county **【vocational school district】** career academy each pupil
15 who resides in the school district or regional school district and who
16 has applied for admission to and has been accepted for attendance at
17 any of the schools of the county **【vocational school district】** career
18 academy. The board of education shall pay tuition for each of these
19 pupils to the county **【vocational school district】** career academy
20 pursuant to subsection c. of this section. The provisions of this
21 section shall not apply to the board of education of a school district
22 or regional school district maintaining a vocational school or
23 schools pursuant to article 2 of chapter 54 of Title 18A of the New
24 Jersey Statutes.

25 b. The board of education of a county **【vocational school**
26 **district】** career academy shall receive pupils from districts without
27 the county so far as their facilities may permit.

28 c. The board of education of a county **【vocational school**
29 **district】** career academy shall receive such funds as may be
30 appropriated by the county pursuant to N.J.S.18A:54-29.2 and shall
31 be entitled to collect and receive from the sending districts in which
32 each pupil attending the **【vocational school】** county career academy
33 resides, for the tuition of that pupil, except for a post-secondary
34 vocational education pupil, a sum not to exceed the actual cost per
35 pupil as determined for each vocational program classification,
36 according to rules prescribed by the commissioner and approved by
37 the State board. Whenever funds have been appropriated by the
38 county, the county **【vocational school district】** career academy may
39 charge a fee in addition to tuition for any pupils who are not
40 residents of the county. The fee shall not exceed the amount of the
41 county's per pupil appropriation to the county **【vocational school**
42 **district】** career academy.

43 d. The tuition and nonresident fee, if any, shall be established
44 not later than January 15 in advance of the school year by the board
45 of education. The tuition for each program category shall be at the
46 same rate per pupil for each sending district whether within or
47 without the county, and 10% of the tuition amount and nonresident

1 fee, if any, shall be paid on the first of each month from September
2 to June by or on behalf of the board of education of each sending
3 district.

4 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c.62).
5 (cf: P.L.1991, c.62, s.24)
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7 26. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.52 (C.18A:54-20.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. As used in this section, "pupil directory information"
10 means a pupil's name and address.

11 b. The board of education of a school district or regional school
12 district located in a county in which there is a county **【vocational**
13 **school district】** career academy shall provide, upon the request of
14 that county **【vocational school district】** career academy, pupil
15 directory information for each pupil enrolled in grades six through
16 12, or any subset of these grades, as requested by that county
17 **【vocational school district】** career academy. The board of
18 education of a school district or regional school district shall not
19 provide the pupil directory information for a pupil if the parent
20 previously submitted a request that the pupil's information not be
21 released for the purposes of this subsection. The board of education
22 of a school district or regional school district shall notify parents of
23 the opportunity to prohibit the release of pupil directory
24 information.

25 c. The Commissioner of Education shall establish the timelines
26 during which a county **【vocational school district】** career academy
27 may request pupil directory information and when the school
28 district or regional school district shall provide the information.
29 (cf: P.L.2013, c.52, s.1)
30

31 27. N.J.S.18A:54-21 is amended to read as follows:

32 18A:54-21. The **【state】** State board shall prescribe rules for the
33 organization, management and control of such **【schools】** career
34 academies.

35 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-21)
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37 28. N.J.S.18A:54-22 is amended to read as follows:

38 18A:54-22. All teachers, principals, directors and assistant
39 directors of boards of education of county **【vocational schools】**
40 career academies shall have all rights and privileges of teachers,
41 principals, superintendents and assistant superintendents of schools,
42 respectively, in school districts.

43 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-22)
44

45 29. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c.333 (C.18A:54-23.1) is amended to
46 read as follows:

1 1. Every county **【vocational school district】** career academy
2 board of education providing post secondary vocational-technical
3 education shall, to the extent its facilities permit and subject to rules
4 prescribed by the commissioner and approved by the State board,
5 accept for post secondary vocational-technical education students
6 who are residents of any other county in the State.
7 (cf: P.L.1973, c.333, s.1)

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9 30. Section 2 of P.L.1973, c.333 (C.18A:54-23.2) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 2. Any person desiring to enroll in a post secondary vocational-
12 technical program in a county **【vocational school district】** career
13 academy as a nonresident student shall apply to the chief fiscal
14 officer of his county of residence for a certificate of residence
15 showing that said person is a resident of said county. The chief
16 fiscal officer shall, upon application and submission to him of
17 satisfactory evidence of such residence, issue said certificate
18 provided that (a) the county does not maintain a **【vocational**
19 **school】** career academy providing such a program, or (b) the county
20 **【vocational school district】** career academy board of education
21 certifies to the chief fiscal officer that it does not offer the particular
22 course or curriculum desired by the applicant, or (c) the county
23 **【vocational school】** career academy cannot admit the applicant
24 into a particular course or curriculum desired by the applicant
25 pursuant to rules approved by the State Board of Education. If the
26 chief fiscal officer refuses to issue such a certificate, the applicant
27 may appeal to the board of chosen freeholders within 10 days of the
28 receipt of notice of such refusal. The board of chosen freeholders
29 shall hold a hearing on such appeal within a reasonable time, but
30 not less than 10 days after notice is given to the chief fiscal officer
31 and the applicant. The board of chosen freeholders shall notify the
32 applicant of its decision within 10 days after such hearing.
33 (cf: P.L.1973, c.333, s.2)

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35 31. Section 3 of P.L.1973, c.333 (C.18A:54-23.3) is amended to
36 read as follows:

37 3. Upon his registration for each school year, the nonresident
38 student shall file with the county **【vocational school district】** career
39 academy board of education such a certificate of residence issued
40 not more than 2 months prior thereto and such a certificate of
41 residence shall be valid for the current year or the academic year
42 next succeeding the date of issuance.
43 (cf: P.L.1973, c.333, s.3)

44
45 32. Section 4 of P.L.1973, c.333 (C.18A:54-23.4) is amended to
46 read as follows:

1 4. Any county **【vocational school district】** career academy
2 board of education admitting nonresident students shall annually
3 charge to, and collect from, each county of residence for each such
4 student (a) \$200.00 to be applied to the county's share of the
5 **【vocational school district's】** county career academy's capital
6 expenses and (b) the average county share of budgeted operating
7 cost per full-time student as certified by the commissioner;
8 provided however, that the said board of education may, with the
9 approval of the commissioner, charge and collect a higher annual
10 amount or amounts when high-cost or high-priority programs are
11 provided.

12 (cf: P.L.1973, c.333, s.4)

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14 33. Section 5 of P.L.1973, c.333 (C.18A:54-23.5) is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 5. Each county **【vocational school district】** career academy
17 board of education shall notify the **【department of education】**
18 Department of Education of the names and addresses of all
19 nonresident students and the courses and programs in which they
20 are enrolled as of the second week of each term. Such notification
21 shall be made in writing no later than the end of the fourth week of
22 each term.

23 (cf: P.L.1973, c.333, s.5)

24

25 34. N.J.S.18A:54-24 is amended to read as follows:

26 18A:54-24. The courses of study to be pursued in every county
27 **【vocational school】** career academy, and all changes therein shall
28 be approved by the commissioner, with the advice and consent of
29 the **【state】** State board.

30 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-24)

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32 35. Section 1 of P.L.2011, c.137 (C.18A:54-24.1) is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 1. a. As used in this section, "green job" means those aspects
35 of employment that deal with renewable energy, energy
36 conservation, energy efficiency, and energy sustainability.

37 b. A county **【vocational school district】** career academy may
38 enter into a partnership with one or more private entities to develop
39 and establish a green jobs certification program. Under the program
40 the county **【vocational school district】** career academy shall
41 identify needed skills, develop training programs, and train workers
42 for green jobs in one or more industries including, but not limited
43 to, energy efficient building, construction and retrofits, renewable
44 electric power, energy efficient vehicles, biofuels, and
45 manufacturing that produces sustainable products and uses
46 sustainable processes and materials. The county **【vocational school**

1 district】 career academy shall issue a green jobs certification to
2 each person who successfully completes the training program.

3 c. A county 【vocational school district】 career academy may
4 review national standards established by various industries in
5 developing a green jobs certification program.

6 d. A county 【vocational school district】 career academy may
7 consult with the Department of Community Affairs in developing a
8 green jobs certification program.

9 (cf: P.L.2011, c.137, s.1)

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11 36. N.J.S.18A:54-25 is amended to read as follows:

12 18A:54-25. The school year for a county 【vocational school】
13 career academy shall begin on July 1 and end June 30.

14 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-25)

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16 37. N.J.S.18A:54-26 is amended to read as follows:

17 18A:54-26. No contract shall be entered into by the board of
18 education of a county 【vocational school】 career academy, nor shall
19 any bill or demand for money be paid until the same shall have been
20 presented and passed on at a regularly called meeting of the board.
21 Every such bill or demand, except for salaries, exceeding \$25.00
22 shall be verified by affidavit or contain or have annexed thereto a
23 signed declaration in writing to the effect that such bill or demand
24 is correct in all its particulars, that the articles have been furnished
25 or services rendered as stated therein and that no bonus has been
26 given or received on account thereof.

27 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-26)

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29 38. N.J.S.18A:54-27 is amended to read as follows:

30 18A:54-27. There shall be for each county 【system of
31 vocational schools】 career academy a board of school estimate,
32 which shall consist of two members of the board of education of the
33 【school】 career academy, appointed by that board, two members of
34 the board of chosen freeholders of the county in which the 【school】
35 career academy is situate, appointed by that board, and the county
36 supervisor of the county, in counties of the first class, and the
37 director of the board of chosen freeholders, in other counties.

38 The appointments shall be made annually between January 1 and
39 January 15. In case of a vacancy occurring in the board by reason
40 of the resignation, death, or removal of any appointed member, the
41 vacancy shall be filled immediately by the body which originally
42 appointed the member, by appointing another of its members to fill
43 the vacancy. The secretary of the board of education of the
44 【school】 career academy shall be the secretary of the board of
45 school estimate, but shall receive no compensation as such.

46 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-27)

1 39. N.J.S.18A:54-28 is amended to read as follows:

2 18A:54-28. On or before the fourth Tuesday in March in each
3 year the board of education of a county **【vocational school district】**
4 career academy shall prepare and deliver to each member of the
5 board of school estimate an itemized statement of the amount of
6 money estimated to be necessary for the general fund expenses of
7 the county **【vocational school district】** career academy for the
8 ensuing school year. The board of education shall follow the
9 procedures established in section 5 of P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-
10 5).

11 (cf: P.L.1996, c.138, s.80)

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13 40. N.J.S.18A:54-29 is amended to read as follows:

14 18A:54-29. Between the fourth Tuesday in March and April 8 in
15 each year the board of school estimate shall fix and determine by
16 action taken at a public meeting of the board the amount of money
17 necessary to be appropriated for the use of the county **【vocational**
18 **school district】** career academy for the ensuing school year
19 exclusive of the amount to be received from the State as provided in
20 **【section】** N.J.S.18A:54-32. The board of education of the county
21 **【vocational school district】** career academy and the board of school
22 estimate shall follow the procedures established in section 5 of
23 P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-5).

24 (cf: P.L.1996, c.138, s.81)

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26 41. N.J.S.18A:54-29.1 is amended to read as follows:

27 18A:54-29.1. The board of school estimate shall, on or before
28 the last named date, make two certificates of the amount, signed by
29 at least three of its members, one of which certificates shall be
30 delivered to the board of education of the county **【vocational school**
31 **district】** career academy and the other to the board of chosen
32 freeholders of the county in which the **【school】** career academy is
33 situated.

34 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-29.1)

35

36 42. N.J.S.18A:54-29.3 is amended to read as follows:

37 18A:54-29.3. The board of chosen freeholders of any county of
38 the second class having a population of not less than 375,000 nor
39 more than 425,000 inhabitants and which has created a county
40 **【vocational school district】** career academy subsequent to July 1,
41 1962, may provide that the amounts (other than amounts to be
42 raised for interest and redemption of bonds or notes issued by the
43 county for purposes of such county **【vocational school district】**
44 career academy) to be raised for annual or special appropriations for
45 such county **【vocational school district】** career academy are to be
46 apportioned on the basis of (1) the apportionment valuations, as
47 defined in **【section】** R.S.54:4-49 **【of the Revised Statutes】**, of the

1 municipalities in such county, or (2) the average daily enrollment
2 of pupils from municipalities within such county during the
3 preceding school year, or (3) any combination or percentage of
4 either of the aforesaid, as shall be determined by said board of
5 chosen freeholders prior to October 1 for and with respect to the
6 school year commencing on July 1 next succeeding said date.
7 Determination as to any basis as aforesaid shall be made by
8 resolution of such board of chosen freeholders, if such board, after
9 consideration of the **【vocational school】** career academy needs of
10 such county and of the municipalities therein and of the costs and
11 expenses of such county **【vocational school district】** career
12 academy and of the financial resources and abilities of such county
13 and of the municipalities therein, shall find that such basis is in the
14 best interests of the county and of such county **【vocational school**
15 **district】** career academy and the municipalities therein. Any basis
16 so established shall continue without change for a period of five
17 school years, unless prior to the end of such period the
18 commissioner, upon the request of the board of chosen freeholders
19 or of the board of education of the county **【vocational school**
20 **district】** career academy, shall determine that some other or
21 different basis, as herein permitted or provided for, shall be in the
22 best interest of such county, such county
23 **【vocational school district】** career academy and the municipalities
24 therein, and is a basis which could have been established by the
25 board of chosen freeholders of such county. Until any other basis
26 shall have been established, the basis referred to as above shall be
27 applicable to such county **【vocational school district】** career
28 academy. Where average daily enrollment of the preceding school
29 year is to be used as the whole or any part of a basis for
30 apportionment of amounts to be raised for annual or special
31 appropriations, the commissioner shall certify to the county
32 **【vocational school district】** career academy and to the county board
33 of taxation, from the latest official statistics then available or
34 estimates thereof, the average daily enrollment to be used until such
35 time as actual average daily enrollment statistics shall be available
36 and certified by the commissioner as aforesaid. No amount to be
37 raised for annual or special appropriations for the county
38 **【vocational school district】** career academy shall be so appropriated
39 except with the concurrence and consent of the board of chosen
40 freeholders if the basis for raising such annual or special
41 appropriations of the county **【vocational school district】** career
42 academy shall require that more than 50% of such basis shall be
43 such apportionment valuations.

44 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-29.3)

45
46 43. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.55 (C.18A:54-29.4) is amended to
47 read as follows:

1 1. Any county which received approval from the State Board of
2 Education, after July 1, 1990, for the establishment of a county
3 **【vocational school】** career academy shall, consistent with the
4 practice for existing county **【vocational schools】** career academies,
5 be entitled to an exception to the limitation imposed upon increases
6 in the county tax levy pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1976, c.68
7 (C.40A:4-45.4) in an amount equal to that expended for the county
8 **【vocational school】** career academy board of education.
9 (cf: P.L.1992, c.55, s.1)

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11 44. N.J.S.18A:54-30 is amended to read as follows:

12 18A:54-30. All provisions of law relating to the entering into
13 contract for the furnishing of supplies and to the preparation of
14 plans and specifications for the construction, alteration or repair of
15 any building by a board of education of a county **【vocational**
16 **school】** career academy and the approval and filing thereof and of
17 any such contract and to the advertisement for bids and the
18 awarding of contracts as a result thereof, which are applicable to a
19 board of education of a school district, shall likewise be applicable
20 to a board of education of a county **【vocational school】** career
21 academy and no municipal permit shall be required in connection
22 with the making or performance of any such contract.
23 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-30)

24
25 45. N.J.S.18A:54-31 is amended to read as follows:

26 18A:54-31. Whenever a board of education of a county
27 **【vocational school district】** career academy shall decide that it is
28 necessary to sell bonds to raise money for any capital project, as
29 defined in **【section】** N.J.S.18A:21-1 **【of this Title】**, it shall prepare
30 and deliver to each member of the board of school estimate a
31 statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for
32 such purpose or purposes.

33 The board of school estimate shall fix and determine the
34 necessary amount and shall make two certificates thereof, one of
35 which certificates shall be delivered to the board of education and
36 the other to the board of chosen freeholders of the county in which
37 the **【school district】** career academy is situate.

38 The board of chosen freeholders, or the members of a county
39 improvement authority at the request of the board of education
40 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2015, c.68 (C.18A:7G-5a), may
41 appropriate such amount and borrow such amount for the purpose
42 or purposes aforesaid, and secure the repayment of the sum so
43 borrowed, together with interest thereon, by the issuance of bonds
44 or notes of the county pursuant to the local bond law,
45 notwithstanding any debt limitation or requirement for down
46 payment therein provided for, or by the issuance of bonds or notes
47 of the county improvement authority pursuant to the "county

1 improvement authorities law," P.L.1960, c.183 (C.40:37A-44 et
2 seq.). The proceeds of the sale of such obligations shall be paid to
3 the treasurer of the county **【vocational school district】** career
4 academy, or in the case of bonds or notes issued by the county
5 improvement authority to the chief financial officer of the authority
6 if so directed by the treasurer, and shall be paid out only on the
7 warrants or orders of the board of education of the **【school district】**
8 career academy, or in the case of bonds or notes issued by the
9 county improvement authority on the orders of the chief financial
10 officer of the authority. The treasurer of the board of education or
11 the chief financial officer of the authority, as applicable, shall in no
12 event disburse such proceeds, except to pay the expenses of issuing
13 and selling such obligations and for the purpose or purposes for
14 which such obligations were issued. If for any reason any part of
15 such proceeds are not applied to or necessary for such purpose or
16 purposes, the board of education of the county **【vocational school**
17 **district】** career academy may transfer the balance remaining
18 unapplied to the general fund of the **【school district】** career
19 academy.
20 (cf: P.L.2015, c.68, s.2)

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22 46. N.J.S.18A:54-33 is amended to read as follows:

23 18A:54-33. In any county of the second class in which there
24 does not presently exist a **【vocational school】** county career
25 academy established under the laws of this **【state】** State, the board
26 of chosen freeholders of such county may, by a majority vote of the
27 board, establish a **【vocational school】** career academy to be known
28 as the "emergency **【vocational school】** career academy in the
29 county of (here insert the name of the county in which the school is
30 to be located)." In the event of the establishment of any emergency
31 **【vocational school】** career academy as in this act provided, the
32 board of chosen freeholders of the county shall have power to name
33 a commission to supervise said **【school】** career academy, to
34 prescribe courses in the emergency **【vocational schools】** career
35 academy, and power to fix rates of tuition. The cost per pupil shall
36 be established from time to time by the board of chosen freeholders
37 and shall be paid in accordance with rules and regulations to be
38 adopted by the board. The commission, selected for the supervision
39 of such emergency **【vocational school】** career academy, shall have
40 power to expend appropriations authorized and to obtain from the
41 federal government or any agency thereof grants in aid of such
42 emergency **【vocational school】** career academy.
43 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-33)

44

45 47. N.J.S.18A:54-34 is amended to read as follows:

46 18A:54-34. The commission charged with the supervision of
47 such **【school】** career academy shall be three in number and shall

1 hold their said offices for terms of three years and until their
2 successors are appointed by the board of chosen freeholders. The
3 commission shall annually report to the board of chosen
4 freeholders. Vacancies occurring for any cause shall be filled by
5 the board of chosen freeholders for the unexpired term.

6 Any person a resident of the county for a period of at least five
7 years prior to the passage of this act may be selected to membership
8 in such commission.

9 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-34)

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11 48. N.J.S.18A:54-36 is amended to read as follows:

12 18A:54-36. The board of chosen freeholders of any such county
13 is authorized and empowered to provide by appropriation from time
14 to time for the maintenance of emergency **【vocational schools】**
15 career academies authorized to be established.

16 (cf: N.J.S.18A:54-36)

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18 49. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c.305 (C.18A:54-37) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 1. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of chapter 54 of Title
21 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, in any county of the first class
22 having a population of not more than 700,000 according to the
23 latest federal decennial census, each municipality included within a
24 school district which has maintained for a minimum of 20 years a
25 vocational education program approved for the purposes of federal
26 or State allotment of vocational funds by the Commissioner of
27 Education under the regulation of the State Board of Education
28 shall be exempt from assessment, levy or collection of taxes based
29 on any apportionment of amounts appropriated for the use of a
30 county **【vocational school district】** career academy.

31 (cf: P.L.1981, c.462, s.20)

32
33 50. Section 1 of P.L.1993, c.302 (C.18A:54-38) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 1. There is established a body corporate and politic, with
36 corporate succession, to be known as the New Jersey Council of
37 County **【Vocational Schools】** Career Academies. A county
38 **【vocational school】** career academy established pursuant to chapter
39 54 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes may, upon the approval
40 of its board of education, be a member of the council.

41 (cf: P.L.1993, c.302, s.1)

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43 51. Section 2 of P.L.1993, c.302 (C.18A:54-39) is amended to
44 read as follows:

45 2. The council shall consist of the president of the board of
46 education and the superintendent of each county **【vocational**
47 **school】** career academy which is a member of the council. A board
48 of education president may designate another member of the board

1 as an alternate to attend and to vote at council meetings in the
2 president's absence. A member of the council shall serve without
3 compensation but may be reimbursed for all reasonable and
4 necessary expenses.

5 (cf: P.L.1993, c.302, s.2)

6
7 52. Section 4 of P.L.1993, c.302 (C.18A:54-41) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. The council shall have perpetual succession and shall have
10 the following powers and duties:

11 a. To make, amend and repeal rules, regulations and bylaws for
12 its own government and guidance, not inconsistent with the
13 purposes of the council;

14 b. To adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

15 c. To maintain an office at such place or places in the State as
16 it may designate;

17 d. To sue and be sued in its own name;

18 e. To acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property in
19 the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under
20 this act. All this property shall be exempt from taxation under
21 chapter 4 of Title 54 of the Revised Statutes; and

22 f. To aid all initiatives for the improvement of vocational,
23 technical, and occupational education and to make
24 recommendations to the State Board of Education concerning the
25 county **[vocational schools]** career academies.

26 (cf: P.L.1993, c.302, s.4)

27
28 53. (New section) a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
29 the contrary, a county vocational school district established
30 pursuant to article 3 of chapter 54 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
31 Statutes shall be known as a county career academy.

32 b. Whenever, in any law, rule, regulation, order, contract,
33 document, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,
34 reference is made to a county vocational school district, the same
35 shall mean and refer to a county career academy.

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37 54. This act shall take effect 180 days following the date of
38 enactment.

41 STATEMENT

42
43 This bill renames “county vocational school districts” as “county
44 career academies” to more accurately reflect the mission of these
45 districts. The bill will take effect 180 days after the date of
46 enactment.