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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1556

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY O'DONNELL, KUKOVICH, SWEET, GALLAGHER, RODGERS,  
PERZEL, MCINTYRE, FREIND, HOFFEL AND RAPPAPORT,  
JUNE 26, 1979

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 27, 1979

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, removing certain restrictions on educational  
3 assistance.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
7 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with  
8 the provisions of Article XI thereof:

9 That section 29 of Article III be amended to read:

10 § 29. Appropriations for public assistance, military service,  
11 scholarships.

12 No appropriation shall be made for charitable, educational or  
13 benevolent purposes to any person or community nor to any  
14 denominational and sectarian institution, corporation or  
15 association: Provided, That appropriations may be made for  
16 pensions or gratuities for military service and to blind persons  
17 21 years of age and upwards and for assistance to mothers having  
18 dependent children and to aged persons without adequate means of

1 support and in the form of scholarship grants or loans for  
2 [higher] educational purposes to residents of the Commonwealth  
3 enrolled in educational institutions [of higher learning] except  
4 that no scholarship, grants or loans for higher educational  
5 purposes shall be given to persons enrolled in a theological  
6 seminary or school of theology.