THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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Session of 1995

INTRODUCED BY LAWLESS, LYNCH, RAYMOND, E. Z. TAYLOR, ADOLPH, CAWLEY, HUTCHINSON, CIVERA AND HENNESSEY, JANUARY 25, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 25, 1995

AN ACT

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 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the 5 laws relating thereto, " providing for tuition grant 6 alternative. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known 9 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a 10 11 section to read: 12 Section 1310.1. Tuition Grant Alternative. -- (a) In any 13 school year in which a collective bargaining agreement, as 14 negotiated under this act and other relevant laws, is not 15 adopted by the school board and the employe organization, as defined in section 1101-A, by August 15, students entering their 16 17 senior year shall be eliqible for grants which the district shall pay for enrollment in any school in which a student shall 18 be deemed to meet the compulsory attendance requirements of this 19

act and which does not discriminate on the basis of race in its

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- 1 admission or other educational policies. The grant shall be the
- 2 <u>lesser of the tuition of the school in which the student enrolls</u>
- 3 or the tuition rate of the school district of residence as
- 4 <u>established under section 2561.</u>
- 5 (b) A parent of each eligible student shall make application
- 6 to the district for the grant, on a form developed by the
- 7 district, and submit a verified statement of the educational
- 8 institution or school district which will provide the
- 9 <u>educational program attesting to the enrollment of the student</u>
- 10 and the tuition charged to the student.
- 11 (c) A grant shall be made in the form of a certificate
- 12 <u>delivered to the parent which shall be used solely for the</u>
- 13 purpose of paying tuition at the educational institution or
- 14 school district designated in the grant application. The
- 15 <u>educational institution or school district, or the designated</u>
- 16 agent of either, may then present the grant certificate for
- 17 <u>redemption</u>.
- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995.