

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 20, 2000

AN ACT

1 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
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for reimbursements
6 or payments by the Commonwealth to community colleges.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1913-A(b)(1.4) of the act of March 10,
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended June 26, 1999 (P.L.394, No.36), is amended AND THE

12 SUBSECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A CLAUSE to read:

13 Section 1913-A. Financial Program; Reimbursement or
14 Payments.--* * *

1 (b) * * *

2 (1.4) The equivalent full-time student reimbursement of a
3 community college shall be the sum of credit course, noncredit
4 course and stipend reimbursements. These reimbursements shall be
5 calculated using a reimbursement factor of one thousand and
6 forty dollars (\$1,040) for the 1993-1994 fiscal year, of one
7 thousand eighty dollars (\$1,080) for the 1994-1995 fiscal year
8 and of one thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$1,180) for the
9 1995-1996 fiscal year and one thousand and two hundred and ten
10 dollars (\$1,210) for the 1996-1997 fiscal year and one thousand
11 two hundred sixty dollars (\$1,260) for the 1997-1998 fiscal year
12 and the 1998-1999 fiscal year and [one thousand three hundred
13 dollars (\$1,300)] one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) for
14 the 1999-2000 fiscal year and for each year thereafter and shall
15 be determined as follows:

16 (i) Credit course reimbursement shall be calculated by
17 multiplying the reimbursement factor by the number of equivalent
18 full-time students enrolled in credit courses as determined by
19 an audit to be made in a manner prescribed by the State Board of
20 Education.

21 (ii) Noncredit course reimbursement shall be calculated as
22 follows:

23 (A) eighty percent (80%) of the reimbursement factor
24 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students
25 enrolled in eligible noncredit courses for the 1993-1994 fiscal
26 year, as determined by the audit referred to in paragraph (i);

27 (B) seventy percent (70%) of the reimbursement factor
28 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students
29 enrolled in eligible noncredit courses for the 1994-1995 fiscal
30 year and for each year thereafter, as determined by the audit

1 referred to in paragraph (i); or

2 (C) one hundred percent (100%) of the reimbursement factor
3 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students
4 enrolled in eligible noncredit public safety courses that
5 provide training for volunteer firefighters and emergency
6 medical services for the 1995-1996 fiscal year and for each year
7 thereafter, as determined by the audit referred to in paragraph
8 (i).

9 (iii) Stipend reimbursement on account of a community
10 college's operating costs for all equivalent full-time students
11 enrolled in the following categories of two-year or less than
12 two-year occupational or technical programs, shall be the sum of
13 the following:

14 (A) One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) per full-time
15 equivalent student enrolled in advanced technology programs. For
16 the fiscal year 1995-1996, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, the
17 reimbursement rate shall be calculated at one thousand one
18 hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,175) per full-time equivalent
19 student enrolled in advanced technology programs. For the fiscal
20 year 1998-1999 and each year thereafter, the reimbursement rate
21 shall be calculated at one thousand four hundred sixty dollars
22 (\$1,460) per full-time equivalent student enrolled in advanced
23 technology programs. Advanced technology programs are programs
24 using new or advanced technologies which hold promise for
25 creating new job opportunities, including such fields as
26 robotics, biotechnology, specialized materials and engineering
27 and engineering-related programs.

28 (B) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) per full-time equivalent
29 student enrolled in programs designated as Statewide programs.
30 For the fiscal year 1995-1996, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, the

1 reimbursement rate shall be calculated at one thousand seventy-
2 five dollars (\$1,075) per full-time equivalent student enrolled
3 in programs designated as Statewide programs. For the fiscal
4 year 1998-1999 and each year thereafter, the reimbursement rate
5 shall be calculated at one thousand three hundred sixty dollars
6 (\$1,360) per full-time equivalent student enrolled in programs
7 designated as Statewide programs. A Statewide program is a
8 program which meets one or more of the following criteria:

9 (I) Program enrollment from out-of-sponsor area is twenty
10 per cent or more of the enrollment for the program.

11 (II) A consortial arrangement exists with another community
12 college to cooperatively operate a program or share regions in
13 order to avoid unnecessary program duplication.

14 (C) Five hundred dollars (\$500) per full-time equivalent
15 student enrolled in other occupational or technical programs.
16 For the fiscal year 1995-1996, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, the
17 reimbursement rate shall be calculated at five hundred seventy-
18 five dollars (\$575) per full-time equivalent student enrolled in
19 other occupational or technical programs. For the fiscal year
20 1998-1999 and each year thereafter, the reimbursement rate shall
21 be calculated at eight hundred sixty dollars (\$860) per full-
22 time equivalent student enrolled in other occupational or
23 technical programs.

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25 (6) (I) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 AND FOR EACH FISCAL ←
26 YEAR THEREAFTER, NO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL RECEIVE A
27 REIMBURSEMENT FOR CREDIT COURSES UNDER CLAUSE (1.4) LESS THAN
28 THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT IT RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 1999-
29 2000.

30 (II) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR

1 THEREAFTER, NO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN
2 ITS EQUIVALENT FULL-TIME REIMBURSEMENT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF
3 INCREASE EXPRESSED IN A PERCENTAGE, APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE
4 SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND ROUTINE
5 OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE OVER ITS PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR'S
6 APPROPRIATION.

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8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.