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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," providing for the definition of  
6 "institution of higher education"; and further providing for  
7 the definitions of "school" and "school age" and for  
8 qualification and application.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The definitions of "school" and "school age" in  
12 section 2002-B of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14),  
13 known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended July 11, 2006  
14 (P.L.1092, No.114), are amended and the section is amended by  
15 adding a definition to read:

16 Section 2002-B. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1       "Institution of higher education." A postsecondary  
2       institution in this Commonwealth which is authorized to award  
3       degrees.

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5       "School." A public or nonpublic pre-kindergarten,  
6       kindergarten, elementary school or secondary school at which the  
7       compulsory attendance requirements of the Commonwealth may be  
8       met and which meets the applicable requirements of Title VI of  
9       the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).  
10      The term includes a postsecondary institution of higher  
11      education.

12      "School age." Children from the earliest admission age to a  
13      school's pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program or, when no  
14      pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program is provided, the  
15      school's earliest admission age for beginners, until the end of  
16      the school year the student attains 21 years of age or  
17      graduation from high school, whichever occurs first. The term  
18      includes students who attend a postsecondary institution of  
19      higher education until the end of the school year in which the  
20      student attains 23 years of age or graduates from the  
21      postsecondary institution of higher education, whichever occurs  
22      first.

23      Section 2. Section 2003-B(c) of the act, amended July 13,  
24      2005 (P.L.226, No.46), is amended to read:

25      Section 2003-B. Qualification and application.

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27      (c) Scholarship organizations and pre-kindergarten  
28      scholarship organizations.--A scholarship organization or pre-  
29      kindergarten scholarship organization must certify to the  
30      department that the organization is eligible to participate in

1 the program established under this article and must agree to  
2 annually report the following information to the department by  
3 December 1, 2005, and September 1 of each year thereafter:

4 (1) (i) The number of scholarships awarded during the  
5 immediately preceding school year to eligible pre-  
6 kindergarten students.

7 (ii) The total and average amounts of the  
8 scholarships awarded during the immediately preceding  
9 school year to eligible pre-kindergarten students.

10 (iii) The number of scholarships awarded during the  
11 immediately preceding school year to eligible students in  
12 grades K through 8.

13 (iv) The total and average amounts of the  
14 scholarships awarded during the immediately preceding  
15 school year to eligible students in grades K through 8.

16 (v) The number of scholarships awarded during the  
17 immediately preceding school year to eligible students in  
18 grades 9 through 12.

19 (vi) The total and average amounts of the  
20 scholarships awarded during the immediately preceding  
21 school year to eligible students in grades 9 through 12.

22 (vii) Where the scholarship organization or pre-  
23 kindergarten scholarship organization collects  
24 information on a county-by-county basis, the total number  
25 and the total amount of scholarships awarded during the  
26 immediately preceding school year to residents of each  
27 county in which the scholarship organization or pre-  
28 kindergarten scholarship organization awarded  
29 scholarships.

30 (viii) The number of scholarships awarded during the

1       immediately preceding school year to eligible students in  
2       postsecondary institutions of higher education.

3       (ix) The total and average amounts of the  
4       scholarships awarded during the immediately preceding  
5       school year to eligible students in postsecondary  
6       institutions of higher education.

7       (2) The information required under paragraph (1) shall  
8       be submitted on a form provided by the department. No later  
9       than September 1, [2005] 2007, and May 1 of each year  
10      thereafter, the department shall annually distribute such  
11      sample forms, together with the forms on which the reports  
12      are required to be made, to each listed scholarship  
13      organization and pre-kindergarten scholarship organization.

14      (3) The department may not require any other information  
15      to be provided by scholarship organizations or pre-  
16      kindergarten scholarship organizations, except as expressly  
17      authorized in this article.

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19      Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.