
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 597 Session of
2010

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JANUARY 25, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY
25, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of January 2010 as "Financial Aid
2 Awareness Month" and commending the work of the Pennsylvania
3 Higher Education Assistance Agency and the Pennsylvania
4 Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

5 WHEREAS, January is the first month in which students can
6 apply for financial aid to help finance their postsecondary
7 education; and

8 WHEREAS, The ability of some college students to attend and
9 pursue a postsecondary education is conditional on the
10 availability of student financial assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, Knowledge of the availability of student financial
12 aid to help finance a postsecondary education has been shown to
13 vary across demographic groupings; and

1 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth, through the Pennsylvania Higher
2 Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), has been one of the leading
3 states in the nation, providing need-based State grant financial
4 assistance to eligible Pennsylvania residents and providing
5 other State financial assistance programs; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial
7 Aid Administrators (PASFAA) has been one of the leading State
8 associations of financial aid professionals in the nation who
9 advocate for access to postsecondary education and educate the
10 public on financial aid and funding opportunities; and

11 WHEREAS, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
12 is the first step in the financial aid process to apply for
13 Federal student aid, such as the Pell Grants, student loans and
14 college work-study programs; and

15 WHEREAS, FAFSA information is also used to award State grants
16 to Commonwealth students pursuing postsecondary education; and

17 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth, PHEAA and PASFAA want to promote
18 the availability of student financial assistance to help finance
19 a postsecondary education, in the form of Federal grants, State
20 grants, loans, work-study programs and other specialized State
21 funding programs to help eligible Pennsylvanians pursue their
22 postsecondary endeavors; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
24 month of January 2010 as "Financial Aid Awareness Month," urge
25 all college students seeking financial assistance to apply for
26 financial aid through FAFSA and recognize the work of PHEAA and
27 PASFAA in their respective efforts to promote the availability
28 of postsecondary student financial assistance for the residents
29 of this Commonwealth.