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INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, SCARNATI, COSTA, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, FERLO, WASHINGTON, FARNESE, VOGEL, BREWSTER, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BAKER, SCHWANK, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, WILLIAMS AND DINNIMAN, JANUARY 31, 2013

SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 25, 2013

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Pennsylvania Community College Affordability
2 Task Force ADVISORY COUNCIL within the Department of <--
3 Education; and providing for its powers and duties and for
4 administrative support.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Pennsylvania Community College Affordability Task- <--
8 Force ADVISORY COUNCIL. <--

9 (a) Establishment.--There is established within the
10 Department of Education a task force AN ADVISORY COUNCIL on the <--
11 affordability of community college education.

12 (b) Composition.--The task force COUNCIL shall be composed <--
13 of the following members:

14 (1) The Secretary of Education, who shall act as
15 chairperson of the task force COUNCIL. <--

16 (2) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY OR THE <--
17 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.

1 ~~(2)~~ (3) Six representatives of community colleges, <--
2 including four college presidents and two members of boards
3 of trustees of community colleges to be appointed by the
4 Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges.

5 ~~(3)~~ (4) Two members of the Senate to be appointed by the <--
6 President pro tempore of the Senate.

7 ~~(4)~~ (5) Two members of the House of Representatives to <--
8 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

9 ~~(5)~~ (6) One county commissioner that represents a county <--
10 that sponsors a local community college as appointed by the
11 ~~Secretary of Education~~ GOVERNOR. <--

12 ~~(6)~~ (7) One member of a school board that sponsors a <--
13 local community college as appointed by the ~~Secretary of~~ <--
14 ~~Education~~ GOVERNOR. <--

15 ~~(7)~~ (8) Two representatives to be appointed by the <--
16 Governor who are members of the business community.

17 ~~(8)~~ (9) Two students, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO ARE <--
18 attending community colleges ~~as appointed by the Pennsylvania~~ <--
19 ~~Commission for Community Colleges~~.

20 ~~(9)~~ (10) Two faculty members, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, <--
21 WHO ARE employed by community colleges ~~as appointed by the~~ <--
22 ~~Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges~~.

23 (11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMUNITY EDUCATION <--
24 COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

25 (c) Study.--The ~~task force~~ COUNCIL shall examine and make <--
26 recommendations regarding the viability and sustainability of
27 the current community college funding model, accessibility of
28 community college services across this Commonwealth, and the
29 long-term affordability and accessibility of a community college
30 education for residents of this Commonwealth. The ~~task force~~ <--

1 COUNCIL should also consider the various components of the <--
2 community college mission, including open access and workforce
3 development.

4 (d) Report to the General Assembly.--The ~~task force~~ COUNCIL <--
5 shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the
6 Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker
7 of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the
8 Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the
9 chair and minority chair of the Education Committee of the
10 Senate and the chair and minority chair of the Education
11 Committee of the House of Representatives. This report shall be
12 submitted within ~~180 days after the first meeting of the task~~ <--
13 ~~force~~ 30 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THIS ACT. <--

14 (e) Meetings.--The ~~task force~~ COUNCIL shall meet as deemed <--
15 necessary by the chair in order to carry out the study and make
16 recommendations.

17 (f) Compensation.--~~Task force~~ COUNCIL members shall receive <--
18 no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for
19 all necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in
20 connection with the performance of their duties as members.

21 (g) Duties of department.--The Department of Education shall
22 provide administrative support, office space and any other
23 technical assistance required by the ~~task force~~ COUNCIL to carry <--
24 out its duties under this section.

25 Section 2. ~~Effective date.~~ EXPIRATION. <--

26 THIS ACT SHALL EXPIRE NOVEMBER 30, 2014, UNLESS REENACTED
27 SOONER.

28 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

29 This act shall take effect immediately.