

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1547 Session of
1985

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JOSEPHS, GAMBLE AND E. Z. TAYLOR, JUNE 27, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 27, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 24, 1963 (P.L.1132, No.484), entitled
2 "An act providing for the creation, establishment and
3 operation of community colleges, granting certain powers to
4 the State Board of Education, the Council of Higher Education
5 and the Department of Public Instruction; authorizing school
6 districts, county boards of school directors and
7 municipalities to sponsor community colleges; authorizing
8 school districts and municipalities to levy certain taxes;
9 providing for reimbursements by the Commonwealth of certain
10 costs and expenses, and making an appropriation," providing a
11 dislocated worker tuition assistance program for community
12 colleges; and making an appropriation.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 14 of the act of August 24, 1963
16 (P.L.1132, No.484), known as the Community College Act of 1963,
17 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 14. Financial Program; Reimbursement or Payments.--*

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20 (j) (1) There is hereby established within the community
21 college system a dislocated worker tuition assistance program

1 which shall consist of payment by the community college of the
2 qualified student's share of any tuition, with reimbursement
3 from the Commonwealth to the community colleges for these
4 payments.

5 (2) A qualified student applicant shall:

6 (i) be a resident in the area of one of the local sponsors
7 of the community college;

8 (ii) be actually receiving unemployment compensation
9 benefits at the time of initial enrollment in the community
10 colleges; and

11 (iii) make application to the Pennsylvania Higher Education
12 Assistance Agency for any available financial assistance.

13 No student shall be eligible for tuition assistance for more
14 than two academic years.

15 (3) Annually, upon verification of enrollment and the
16 tuition assistance granted by each community college, the
17 Department of Education shall reimburse each community college
18 the amount of tuition assistance granted by such community
19 college.

20 Section 2. The sum of \$12,000,000, or as much thereof as may
21 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of
22 Education for the fiscal year July 1, 1985, to June 30, 1986,
23 for purposes of making payments to community colleges for the
24 dislocated worker tuition assistance program.

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