

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2981 Session of  
1980

INTRODUCED BY PERZEL, OCTOBER 7, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 7, 1980

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act creating the Pennsylvania Higher  
3 Education Assistance Agency; defining its powers and duties;  
4 conferring powers and imposing duties on the Governor,  
5 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the  
7 Department of Auditor General; and making appropriations,"  
8 requiring persons who receive assistance to be United States  
9 citizens.

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

12 Section 1. Section 2 and clause (1) of section 4, act of  
13 August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290), referred to as the  
14 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Act, section 2  
15 amended January 18, 1968 (1967 P.L.952, No.424) and clause (1)  
16 of section 4 amended December 30, 1974 (P.L.1111, No.357), are  
17 amended to read:

18 Section 2. Purpose.--The purpose of such agency shall be to  
19 improve the higher educational opportunities of persons who are  
20 citizens of the United States and residents of this State and  
21 who are attending approved institutions of higher education, in

1 this State or elsewhere, by guaranteeing loans made to such  
2 persons to assist them in meeting their expenses of higher  
3 education in accordance with the provisions of this act.

4 Section 4. Powers and Duties.--In furtherance of the  
5 purposes set forth in this act, the board of directors shall  
6 have the following powers:

7 (1) To guarantee loans of money upon such terms and  
8 conditions as the board may prescribe within the limitations  
9 contained herein, at such rates of interest as are determined by  
10 the agency, to persons who are citizens of the United States and  
11 residents of this State and who plan to attend or are attending  
12 any approved institution of higher education eligible under this  
13 act in this State or elsewhere to assist them in meeting their  
14 expenses of higher education. No such person shall receive any  
15 loan guarantee in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars  
16 (\$1500) for any academic year and no such person shall receive a  
17 total loan guarantee of more than seventy-five hundred dollars  
18 (\$7500) except if such loans are guaranteed or reinsured under  
19 Federal laws. Such loan guarantees shall become due and payable  
20 at the direction of the board of directors and the board of  
21 directors may extend the repayment period not to exceed fifteen  
22 years from the date of execution of the note or other written  
23 evidence of the loan or as allowed under Federal law when the  
24 loan is guaranteed or reinsured under Federal laws.

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.