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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 27, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.423, No.101), entitled
2 "An act providing for Commonwealth support for institutions
3 of higher education to furnish learning and special
4 counseling services for undergraduate students whose
5 cultural, economic and educational disadvantages impair their
6 initial ability to pursue successfully higher education
7 opportunities, and making an appropriation," further
8 providing for eligibility of part-time students.

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

11 Section 1. Sections 2 and 3 of the act of August 31, 1971
12 (P.L.423, No.101), known as the Higher Education Equal
13 Opportunity Act, are amended to read:

14 Section 2. Legislative Findings.--The General Assembly finds
15 and declares that because of financial, home and community
16 environmental conditions, part-time and full-time students with
17 substantial potential for success in college and for future
18 leadership in the community are unable to pursue a higher

1 education and attain their full educational capability. In order
2 to combat effectively the forces which prevent these students
3 from pursuing a higher education, a variety of programs and
4 methods must be tried.

5 This act is designed to provide funds to institutions of
6 higher education in the Commonwealth for the purpose of offering
7 programs to enhance the chances of disadvantaged part-time and
8 full-time students to achieve their educational goals.

9 Section 3. Definitions.--The following words and phrases
10 shall have the following meanings:

11 (1) "Institutions of higher education" shall mean those post
12 secondary institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 authorized to award degrees.

14 (2) ["Student"] "Full-time student" shall mean any bona fide
15 resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has been
16 admitted as a full-time student to an institution of higher
17 education and who is economically and educationally
18 disadvantaged in accordance with criteria to be established by
19 the State Board of Education.

20 (3) "Part-time student" shall mean any bona fide resident of
21 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has been admitted into a
22 degree program as a less than full-time student, but who is <—
23 enrolled in at least the equivalent of six semester credits or
24 225 clock hours of instruction per semester, in an institution
25 of higher education and who is economically and educationally
26 disadvantaged in accordance with the criteria to be established
27 by the State Board of Education.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1988.