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AND DeLUCA, NOVEMBER 8, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 8, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for reimbursements  
6 or payments by the Commonwealth to community colleges.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1913-A(b)(1.4) of the act of March 10,  
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
11 amended June 26, 1999 (P.L.394, No.36), is amended to read:

12 Section 1913-A. Financial Program; Reimbursement or

13 Payments.--\* \* \*

14 (b) \* \* \*

15 (1.4) The equivalent full-time student reimbursement of a

1 community college shall be the sum of credit course, noncredit  
2 course and stipend reimbursements. These reimbursements shall be  
3 calculated using a reimbursement factor of one thousand and  
4 forty dollars (\$1,040) for the 1993-1994 fiscal year, of one  
5 thousand eighty dollars (\$1,080) for the 1994-1995 fiscal year  
6 and of one thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$1,180) for the  
7 1995-1996 fiscal year and one thousand and two hundred and ten  
8 dollars (\$1,210) for the 1996-1997 fiscal year and one thousand  
9 two hundred sixty dollars (\$1,260) for the 1997-1998 fiscal year  
10 and the 1998-1999 fiscal year and [one thousand three hundred  
11 dollars (\$1,300)] one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) for  
12 the 1999-2000 fiscal year and for each year thereafter and shall  
13 be determined as follows:

14 (i) Credit course reimbursement shall be calculated by  
15 multiplying the reimbursement factor by the number of equivalent  
16 full-time students enrolled in credit courses as determined by  
17 an audit to be made in a manner prescribed by the State Board of  
18 Education.

19 (ii) Noncredit course reimbursement shall be calculated as  
20 follows:

21 (A) eighty percent (80%) of the reimbursement factor  
22 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students  
23 enrolled in eligible noncredit courses for the 1993-1994 fiscal  
24 year, as determined by the audit referred to in paragraph (i);

25 (B) seventy percent (70%) of the reimbursement factor  
26 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students  
27 enrolled in eligible noncredit courses for the 1994-1995 fiscal  
28 year and for each year thereafter, as determined by the audit  
29 referred to in paragraph (i); or

30 (C) one hundred percent (100%) of the reimbursement factor

1 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students  
2 enrolled in eligible noncredit public safety courses that  
3 provide training for volunteer firefighters and emergency  
4 medical services for the 1995-1996 fiscal year and for each year  
5 thereafter, as determined by the audit referred to in paragraph  
6 (i).

7 (iii) Stipend reimbursement on account of a community  
8 college's operating costs for all equivalent full-time students  
9 enrolled in the following categories of two-year or less than  
10 two-year occupational or technical programs, shall be the sum of  
11 the following:

12 (A) One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) per full-time  
13 equivalent student enrolled in advanced technology programs. For  
14 the fiscal year 1995-1996, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, the  
15 reimbursement rate shall be calculated at one thousand one  
16 hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,175) per full-time equivalent  
17 student enrolled in advanced technology programs. For the fiscal  
18 year 1998-1999 and each year thereafter, the reimbursement rate  
19 shall be calculated at one thousand four hundred sixty dollars  
20 (\$1,460) per full-time equivalent student enrolled in advanced  
21 technology programs. Advanced technology programs are programs  
22 using new or advanced technologies which hold promise for  
23 creating new job opportunities, including such fields as  
24 robotics, biotechnology, specialized materials and engineering  
25 and engineering-related programs.

26 (B) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) per full-time equivalent  
27 student enrolled in programs designated as Statewide programs.  
28 For the fiscal year 1995-1996, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, the  
29 reimbursement rate shall be calculated at one thousand seventy-  
30 five dollars (\$1,075) per full-time equivalent student enrolled

1 in programs designated as Statewide programs. For the fiscal  
2 year 1998-1999 and each year thereafter, the reimbursement rate  
3 shall be calculated at one thousand three hundred sixty dollars  
4 (\$1,360) per full-time equivalent student enrolled in programs  
5 designated as Statewide programs. A Statewide program is a  
6 program which meets one or more of the following criteria:

7 (I) Program enrollment from out-of-sponsor area is twenty  
8 per cent or more of the enrollment for the program.

9 (II) A consortial arrangement exists with another community  
10 college to cooperatively operate a program or share regions in  
11 order to avoid unnecessary program duplication.

12 (C) Five hundred dollars (\$500) per full-time equivalent  
13 student enrolled in other occupational or technical programs.  
14 For the fiscal year 1995-1996, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, the  
15 reimbursement rate shall be calculated at five hundred seventy-  
16 five dollars (\$575) per full-time equivalent student enrolled in  
17 other occupational or technical programs. For the fiscal year  
18 1998-1999 and each year thereafter, the reimbursement rate shall  
19 be calculated at eight hundred sixty dollars (\$860) per full-  
20 time equivalent student enrolled in other occupational or  
21 technical programs.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.