

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY C. QUINN, ELLIS, RYAN, DRISCOLL, YOUNGBLOOD, MURT, MOUL, ZIMMERMAN AND WATSON, MARCH 6, 2018

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 12, 2018

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," in preliminary provisions, providing
6 for information regarding education loans.

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

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 127. Information Regarding Education Loans.--(a) An
13 institution of higher education that receives Federal education
14 loan information or other student loan information regarding a
15 student enrolled at the institution of higher education shall
16 provide the following to the student on an annual basis prior to
17 the student's acceptance of the Federal education loan or other
18 student loan DISBURSED BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION: <--

19 (1) An estimate of the total amount of Federal education

1 loans or other student loans WHICH ARE DISBURSED BY THE <--  
2 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION taken out by the student.

3 (2) Subject to subsection (b), an estimate of the following:  
4 (i) The potential total payoff amount of the Federal  
5 education loans or other student loans WHICH ARE DISBURSED BY <--  
6 THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION incurred or a range of the  
7 total payoff amount.

8 (ii) Monthly repayment amounts that a similarly situated  
9 borrower may incur, including principal and interest, for the  
10 amount of the Federal education loans or other student loans  
11 WHICH ARE DISBURSED BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION taken <--  
12 out at the time that the information is provided.

13 (3) The number of years used in determining the potential  
14 total payoff amount.

15 (4) Information on how the student can access online  
16 repayment calculators.

17 (5) The percentage of the borrowing limit that the student  
18 has reached at the time that the information is provided.

19 (b) The information provided to the student under subsection  
20 (a) may include a statement that any estimate or range provided  
21 is general in nature and not intended to be a guarantee or  
22 promise of an actual projected amount.

23 (c) An institution of higher education shall not incur  
24 liability for any representation made under this section.

25 (d) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE <--  
26 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN  
27 SEPTEMBER 2019.

28 (E) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE  
29 INFORMATION TO STUDENTS THROUGH FIRST CLASS MAIL, ELECTRONIC  
30 MAIL OR OTHER COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY THE

1 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

2 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE  
3 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

4 (G) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
6 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Institution of higher education." As defined in section  
8 118(c).

9 "Student." As defined in section 118(c).

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