THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ISAACSON, GALLOWAY, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, CALTAGIRONE, DELLOSO, DRISCOLL, GREEN, HOWARD, MADDEN, McCARTER, SANCHEZ, SIMS AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in miscellaneous provisions relating to institutions of higher education, providing for payment of salary in cases of leave due to COVID-19.

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

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

Section 2002-I. Payment of salary in cases of leave due to COVID-19.

(a) General rule.--An employee, faculty member or staff member of an institution of higher education who has been exposed to or infected with COVID-19 and is required to quarantine must be provided with 30 additional days of paid leave solely to be used for the required quarantine.

(b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:


"Institution of higher education." Includes any of the following:

(1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

(2) A university within the State System of Higher Education.

(3) The Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, Lincoln University or any other institution designated as State-related by the Commonwealth.

(4) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

(5) A college established under Article XIX-G.

(6) An institution of higher education located in and incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to confer degrees as set forth in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges, universities and seminaries).


(8) A foreign corporation approved to operate an educational enterprise under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 36 (relating to foreign corporation standards).

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.