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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 10, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 28, 1974 (P.L.228, No.50), entitled  
2 "An act providing for the annual announcement of grants by  
3 the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency;  
4 authorizing the continuing appropriation of certain funds;  
5 and providing for the manner in which certain appropriations  
6 may be revised," further providing for coordination with  
7 Federal financial aid programs.

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

10 Section 1. The title and sections 1, 2 and 4, act of March  
11 28, 1974 (P.L.228, No.50), referred to as the Higher Education  
12 Assistance Continuation Law, are amended to read:

13 AN ACT

14 Providing for the annual announcement of grants by the  
15 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency; authorizing  
16 the continuing appropriation of certain funds; providing for  
17 coordination with available Federal programs; and providing  
18 for the manner in which certain appropriations may be

1 revised.

2 Section 1. In order to encourage needy students to make  
3 timely application for enrollment in postsecondary educational  
4 programs and coordinate the State and Federal evaluation and  
5 announcement of the student's eligibility to receive financial  
6 aid, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency  
7 annually, on the first day of [May] March, shall have the  
8 authority to announce the scholarships and educational  
9 assistance grants to be awarded by the agency for the next  
10 succeeding academic year pursuant to the provisions of the act  
11 of January 25, 1966 (P.L.1546, No.541), entitled "An act  
12 providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal  
13 funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary  
15 institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and  
16 providing for the administration of this act," and the act of  
17 October 11, 1972 (P.L.909, No.216), known as the "Veterans'  
18 Education Act of 1971," and the act of October 11, 1972  
19 (P.L.899, No.213), entitled "An act providing scholarships for  
20 certain dependents of members of the armed services who while on  
21 active duty are taken as prisoners of war or are reported  
22 missing in action and making an appropriation," not to exceed  
23 the amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year.

24 Section 2. In order to carry out the provisions of section 1  
25 of this act, any appropriation effective during any fiscal year  
26 providing moneys to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
27 Agency for scholarship grants shall, if the General Assembly  
28 does not provide by law prior to [May] March 1 of the same  
29 fiscal year, to increase, lower or terminate the appropriation,  
30 be deemed to be reenacted for the ensuing fiscal year in the

1 same amount and for the same purpose as provided in such  
2 appropriation: Provided, however, That the reenacted  
3 appropriation shall not be effective until the first day of the  
4 ensuing fiscal year.

5 Section 4. If the General Assembly at any time hereafter  
6 shall enact legislation to reduce appropriations for scholarship  
7 grants prior to the first day of [May] March such enactment  
8 shall be applicable to the next succeeding academic year. Should  
9 such enactment be made after the first of [May] March, the  
10 provisions thereof shall be applicable to the academic year  
11 following the next succeeding academic year.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.