

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 64

Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, STAIRS, BISHOP, CLYMER, CREIGHTON,
KIRKLAND, FLICK, SHANER, R. MILLER, SURRA, T. STEVENSON,
YUDICHAK, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BAKER, BARD, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES,
BELARDI, BELFANTI, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CIVERA, COSTA, COY,
CRUZ, DALEY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, EACHUS, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL,
GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, HARHAI, HARHART, HARPER, HENNESSEY,
HERSHEY, JAMES, KOTIK, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN,
MARKOSEK, MARSICO, MELIO, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, REED,
REICHLEY, ROBERTS, ROSS, SANTONI, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCHRODER,
SCRIMENTI, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, THOMAS,
TRAVAGLIO, WALKO, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, ZUG,
HORSEY, PALLONE, FREEMAN, BROWNE, PICKETT, BLAUM, PISTELLA,
PETRARCA AND CURRY, JANUARY 29, 2003

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 24, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541),
2 entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing funds
3 to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to
5 attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making
6 an appropriation, and providing for the administration of
7 this act," further providing for the length of scholarships;
8 and making an appropriation.

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

11 Section 1. Section 8(a) of the act of January 25, 1966 (1965
12 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education
13 Scholarship Law, amended October 5, 1994 (P.L.568, No.83), is
14 amended to read:

15 Section 8. (a) Each State scholarship is renewable until

1 the program of study is completed, but not to exceed an
2 additional [three] four academic years beyond the first year of
3 the award or beyond an additional four academic years for
4 students enrolled in five-year undergraduate programs of study
5 approved by the agency. These may not necessarily be consecutive
6 years and the scholarship will be terminated if the student
7 receives his degree in a shorter period of time. Qualifications
8 for renewal will include maintaining satisfactory academic
9 standing, making normal progress toward completion of the course
10 of study, and continued eligibility as determined by the agency
11 including continual legal residency.

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13 Section 2. The sum of ~~\$13,000,000~~ \$11,000,000, or as much <—
14 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the
15 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency for the fiscal
16 year ~~July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004~~ JULY 1, 2004, TO JUNE 30, <—
17 2005, to carry out the provisions of this act.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.