

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2337 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY QUIGLEY, GODSHALL, HARHART, KOTIK, ROZZI, SAYLOR,  
ROEBUCK, WARD, SCHWEYER, MALONEY AND A. HARRIS,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

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 eligibility for scholarship.

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

10 Section 1. Section 4(a)(6) of the act of January 25, 1966  
11 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education  
12 Scholarship Law, is amended to read:

13 Section 4. (a) Any student is eligible for consideration  
14 for a State scholarship providing:

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16 (6) The State scholarship recipient shall be free to attend  
17 any approved institution of higher learning, as defined under  
18 section 3, of his choice and apply the scholarship toward the  
19 tuition, room, board, books and fees of that institution. The  
20 institution is not required to accept the scholarship recipient

1 for enrollment, but is free to exact compliance with its own  
2 admission requirements, standards and policies. The following  
3 shall apply:

4 (i) A student enrolled at an approved institution of higher  
5 learning that is headquartered and domiciled through  
6 incorporation or charter in this Commonwealth shall be deemed  
7 eligible for a State scholarship, regardless of whether the  
8 program of study or the student's term enrollment is one hundred  
9 percent online or a combination of online and classroom credits.  
10 The student must meet all other eligibility requirements as  
11 defined by this act and as provided for by the agency.

12 (ii) A student enrolled at an approved institution of higher  
13 learning that has a physical location in this Commonwealth but  
14 is not headquartered and domiciled through incorporation or  
15 charter in this Commonwealth shall be eligible for a State  
16 scholarship if all of the following apply:

17 (A) The student is enrolled at the institution's physical  
18 facility located in this Commonwealth.

19 (B) The student's program of study is not structured to be  
20 more than fifty percent online.

21 (C) The student's online enrollment in a given term does not  
22 exceed fifty percent of the student's total credits for that  
23 term, as defined by the agency.

24 (D) The student meets all other eligibility requirements as  
25 defined by this act and as provided for by the agency.

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