



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 612

PRINTER'S NO. 2233

PRIME SPONSOR: Harris

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$597,057,000	\$642,206,000

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 612, Printer's Number 2233 is the State-Related University Nonpreferred Appropriation Act of 2023, providing funding to the four state-related universities for the 2023/24 fiscal year.

### ANALYSIS & FISCAL IMPACT

The bill makes six appropriations for the four state-related universities – Penn State University (including the Pennsylvania College of Technology), the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and Lincoln University – as follows:

Appropriation	2022/23	2023/24	Change
Penn State - General Support	\$242,096,000	\$259,285,000	\$17,189,000
Pennsylvania College of Technology	\$26,736,000	\$28,634,000	\$1,898,000
University of Pittsburgh - General Support	\$151,507,000	\$162,264,000	\$10,757,000
University of Pittsburgh - Rural Education Outreach	\$3,346,000	\$3,584,000	\$238,000
Temple University - General Support	\$158,206,000	\$169,439,000	\$11,233,000
Lincoln University - General Support	\$15,166,000	\$19,000,000	\$3,834,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$597,057,000</b>	<b>\$642,206,000</b>	<b>\$45,149,000</b>

In total, the bill appropriates \$642.206 million for the 2023/24 fiscal year, a \$45.149 million increase over the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Separately from the enumerated appropriations within the bill, the money of the restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund is appropriated to Penn State University. The amount available to Penn State from this account is separately determined by a transfer from the General Fund under the Department of Agriculture's budget. These funds support the agricultural research activities and county agricultural extension offices of the university as the commonwealth's land-grant university.

The bill provides for payment methodologies to the universities, accounting procedures, review by the Auditor General, and information disclosure requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate.

The bill contains two restrictions on the use of the appropriations. First, no money appropriated by the act to the University of Pittsburgh can be used for the costs of personnel and operations of an environmental law clinic. Second, money appropriated to the universities within the bill (except for the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund) shall only be used for costs directly related to the provision of instruction for graduate and undergraduate students and costs incurred in providing student-related services and community outreach services, consistent with existing laws of the commonwealth.

Finally, the bill states that a “state-related university that receives money appropriated by this act shall develop and implement a tuition freeze for the 2024-2025 academic school year. The tuition level for any student may not exceed the 2023-2024 academic tuition level.” This provision will limit the ability of the universities to generate new, non-state revenue.

The bill takes effect immediately.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*