

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Jaret Gibbons

DATE: June 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Municipal Service Grant Act

In the near future, I plan to introduce the Municipal Service Grant Act to provide financial assistance to municipalities that host institutions in the State System of Higher Education (SSHE).

As you may know, the Pennsylvania Public School Code does not currently address the issue of municipal service grants or assistance for municipalities providing services to SSHE universities. My legislation would address this issue by providing such municipalities with a \$3 million appropriation.

My legislation includes a formula distributing grants to municipalities serving each of the 14 SSHE institutions based on the full-time equivalent enrollments and the impact of tax-exempt properties on the municipalities. Where primary services are provided by two municipalities, my legislation provides for distribution of grants to each municipality.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Susan Finger at 705-2060 or sfinger@pahouse.net.