

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 700

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE SAYLOR

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "thereto,"
2 establishing the Public Higher Education Funding Commission;

3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "an
4 article" and inserting
5 articles

6 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

7 ARTICLE XX-I

8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATING TO

9 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

10 Section 2001-I. Public Higher Education Funding Commission.

11 (a) Establishment.--The Public Higher Education Funding
12 Commission is established.

13 (b) Duties.--The commission shall review and make
14 recommendations related to higher education funding,
15 affordability and effectiveness and administration and
16 operations as provided in this section.

17 (c) Membership.--

18 (1) The commission shall consist of the following
19 members:

20 (i) The chair and minority chair of the
21 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chair and
22 minority chair of the Education Committee of the Senate.

23 (ii) The chair and minority chair of the
24 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives
25 and the chair and minority chair of the Education
26 Committee of the House of Representatives.

27 (iii) Two legislators from each of the four
28 legislative caucuses, to be appointed by the President
29 pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
30 Representatives in consultation with the Majority Leader
31 and Minority Leader of the Senate and the Majority Leader
32 and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

33 (iv) The Secretary of Education.

34 (v) The Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and
35 Higher Education.

1 (vi) An individual from the administration appointed
2 by the Governor.

3 (2) The commission shall appoint a member to serve as
4 chair of the commission.

5 (d) Meetings.--

6 (1) The commission shall hold its first meeting within
7 45 days of the effective date of this section, regardless of
8 whether all legislative caucuses have approved members to the
9 commission.

10 (2) The commission shall hold meetings at the call of
11 the chair.

12 (e) Payments to members.--The members may not receive
13 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for all
14 necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in
15 connection with the performance of their duties as members of
16 the commission.

17 (f) Administrative support.--The General Assembly shall
18 provide administrative support, meeting space and any other
19 assistance required by the commission to carry out its duties
20 under this section in cooperation with the department. The
21 department shall provide the commission with data, research and
22 other information upon request by the commission.

23 (g) Cooperation from public institutions of higher education
24 and agency.--The public institutions of higher education and the
25 agency shall provide meeting space and any other assistance
26 required by the commission to carry out its duties under this
27 section. The public institutions of higher education and the
28 agency shall provide the commission with data, research and
29 other information upon request of the chairman.

30 (h) Higher education funding formula.--The commission shall
31 develop a higher education funding formula and identify factors
32 that may be used to determine the distribution of funding among
33 the public institutions of higher education. The factors
34 identified under this subsection may include all of the
35 following:

36 (1) Goals for higher education.

37 (2) Goals for higher education completion and
38 attainment.

39 (3) This Commonwealth's higher education needs.

40 (4) The affordability of higher education for residents
41 of this Commonwealth.

42 (5) Resident and nonresident undergraduate and graduate
43 enrollments.

44 (6) Graduation rates.

45 (7) Retention rates.

46 (8) Time to degree, including associate's degrees and
47 bachelor's degrees.

48 (9) Cost per degree, including tuition and fees.

49 (10) Operational cost per full-time student.

50 (11) Student debt, including debt of graduates and
51 noncompleters.

1 (12) Student financial aid, including programs
2 administered by the agency on behalf of the Commonwealth.
3 (13) Job placement after graduation.
4 (14) Entry level wages.
5 (15) Degrees granted in occupations that will align with
6 the Commonwealth's long-term economic needs.
7 (16) Utilization of existing educational programs and
8 facilities.
9 (17) Transfer and articulation of credits between public
10 institutions of higher education.
11 (18) Institutional mission, including metrics that
12 reflect differences in the missions between institutions and
13 the differences between two-year and four-year institutions.
14 (19) The appropriate level of recurring State support to
15 maintain operations.
16 (20) The appropriate level of formula driven funding to
17 incentivize success.
18 (21) The access, enrollment and outcomes of
19 underrepresented populations, including, but not limited to,
20 low-income students, first-generation students, rural
21 students, adult students, veterans and students of color.
22 (22) Comparisons of the factors contained in this
23 section with those factors for private institutions of higher
24 education that are located inside and outside this
25 Commonwealth, when available.
26 (23) Other factors related to higher education and the
27 distribution of higher education funding that the commission
28 deems appropriate.
29 (i) Additional powers and duties.--The commission shall have
30 all of the following powers and duties:
31 (1) Review and make findings and recommendations related
32 to higher education funding in this Commonwealth.
33 (2) Consult with and utilize experts to assist the
34 commission in carrying out the duties under this subsection.
35 (3) Receive input from interested parties, including,
36 but not limited to, public institutions of higher education.
37 (4) Hold public hearings in different regions of this
38 Commonwealth.
39 (5) Review and consider higher education funding
40 formulas and factors utilized throughout the United States.
41 (6) In identifying the higher education funding factors
42 under subsection (h) and in completing the report required
43 under this subsection, consider the impact these factors may
44 have on the distribution of higher education funding among
45 the public institutions of higher education.
46 (7) Review the administration and operation of State and
47 regional higher education programs and services, including
48 the public institutions of higher education and the agency to
49 determine if cost savings for the Commonwealth and its
50 students may be achieved and make recommendations to
51 implement savings and efficiencies.

1 (8) Review the administration and operations of State
2 and regional higher education programs and services,
3 including the public institutions of higher education and the
4 agency, and make recommendations regarding administration and
5 operations.

6 (9) Prior to recommending a higher education funding
7 formula under this section, consider the potential
8 consequences of a higher education funding formula that does
9 not allocate to each public institution of higher education
10 at least the same level or proportion of State funding as the
11 institution received in the prior fiscal year.

12 (10) Prior to recommending a higher education funding
13 formula under this section, consider nationally accepted
14 accounting and budgeting standards.

15 (11) Develop a proposed higher education funding formula
16 and factors pursuant to subsection (h).

17 (12) Draft proposed legislation based on the
18 commission's findings.

19 (13) Issue a report of the commission's findings and
20 recommendations to the Governor, the President pro tempore of
21 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
22 Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, the
23 Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of
24 Representatives, the Secretary of Education and the State
25 Board of Education, the Appropriations Committee of the
26 Senate, the Appropriations Committee of the House of
27 Representatives, the Education Committee of the Senate and
28 the Education Committee of the House of Representatives not
29 later than one year after the effective date of this section.

30 (j) Effective date of higher education funding formula.--The
31 higher education funding formula developed by the commission
32 shall not go into effect unless the formula is approved by an
33 act of the General Assembly enacted after the effective date of
34 this section.

35 (k) Continuation of commission.--Every five years the
36 commission shall be reconstituted in accordance with subsection
37 (c) and shall meet and hold public hearings to review the
38 operation of the higher education funding provisions of this
39 section and shall make a further report and issue the report to
40 the recipients listed in subsection (i) (13).

41 (l) Level of State funding through appropriations.--The
42 General Assembly shall, through the annual appropriations
43 process, determine the level of State funding for public
44 institutions of higher education.

45 (m) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
46 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
47 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

48 "Agency." The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
49 Agency.

50 "Commission." The Public Higher Education Funding Commission
51 established under this section.

1 "Department." The Department of Education of the
2 Commonwealth.

3 "Public institution of higher education." Any of the
4 following:

5 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A of
6 the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the
7 Public School Code of 1949.

8 (2) A rural regional college established under Article
9 XIX-G of the Public School Code of 1949.

10 (3) A university within the State System of Higher
11 Education under Article XX-A of the Public School Code of
12 1949.

13 (4) A State-related institution as defined in section
14 2001-C of the Public School Code of 1949.

15 (5) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

16 (6) The Pennsylvania College of Technology.

17 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 14 and 15, by striking out "or puts
18 the health, safety or welfare of students at risk"

19 Amend Bill, page 13, line 22, by inserting after "of" where
20 it occurs the first time

21 Article XX-I and