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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. IRVIS, WILLIAMS, GALLAGHER, KAUFMAN,  
BERKES, BERSON, BARBER, MELTON, E. B. DAVIS, J. JOHNSON  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 8, 1971

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AN ACT

1 Providing for Commonwealth support for institutions of higher  
2 education to furnish learning and special counseling services  
3 for undergraduate students whose cultural, economic and  
4 educational disadvantages impair their initial ability to  
5 pursue successfully higher education opportunities, and  
6 making an appropriation.

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

9 Section 1. Short Title.--This act shall be known and may be  
10 cited as the "Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act."

11 Section 2. Legislative Findings.--The General Assembly finds  
12 and declares that because of financial, home and community  
13 environmental conditions, students with substantial potential  
14 for success in college and for future leadership in the  
15 community are unable to pursue a higher education and attain  
16 their full educational capability. In order to combat  
17 effectively the forces which prevent these students from  
18 pursuing a higher education, a variety of programs and methods  
19 must be tried.

1        This act is designed to provide funds to institutions of  
2 higher education in the Commonwealth for the purpose of offering  
3 programs to enhance the chances of disadvantaged students to  
4 achieve their educational goals.

5        Section 3. Definitions.--The following words and phrases  
6 shall have the following meanings:

7        (1) "Institutions of higher education" shall mean those post  
8 secondary institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 authorized to award degrees.

10       (2) "Student" shall mean any bona fide resident of the  
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has been admitted as a full-  
12 time student to an institution of higher education and who is  
13 economically and educationally disadvantaged in accordance with  
14 criteria to be established by the State Board of Education.

15       Section 4. Higher Education Equal Opportunity Program.--The  
16 Secretary of Education may, in conformance with such policies,  
17 standards, rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of  
18 Education, contract with institutions of higher education for  
19 the awarding of higher education equal opportunity program  
20 grants. Programs for which such grants may be awarded shall  
21 include, but not be limited to; remedial learning services,  
22 counseling services or tutorial services. Funds provided by this  
23 act may not be used to pay tuition, room and board or other  
24 institutional costs or fees incurred by students.

25       Section 5. Application for Approval of Grant.--Each  
26 institution of higher education requesting a grant to provide a  
27 program, as proposed in this act, shall submit an application in  
28 such form and at such time as the Secretary of Education may  
29 require. An application for a grant shall include a description  
30 of the nature and the method by which all funds granted will be

1 used by the applicant institution to contribute to the  
2 provision, maintenance or improvement of programs designed to  
3 accomplish the goals of this act.

4 Section 6. Appropriation.--The sum of one million dollars  
5 (\$1,000,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby  
6 appropriated to the Department of Education for the purposes and  
7 administration of this act: Provided, however, That of the total  
8 sum appropriated no more than four per cent of that amount may  
9 be used for administration of the act: And, further provided,  
10 That no more than ten per cent of the total sum appropriated  
11 shall be granted to any single institution of higher education.

12 Section 7. Effective Date.--This act shall take effect July  
13 1, 1971.