
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1416 Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY REIBMAN, FLEMING, MESSINGER, DOUGHERTY, HESS,
HANKINS, DWYER AND SMITH, APRIL 11, 1978

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, APRIL 11, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 28, 1974 (P.L.228, No.50), entitled
2 "An act providing for the annual announcement of grants by
3 the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency;
4 authorizing the continuing appropriation of certain funds;
5 and providing for the manner in which certain appropriations
6 may be revised," further providing for coordination with
7 Federal financial aid programs.

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

10 Section 1. The title and sections 1, 2 and 4, act of March
11 28, 1974 (P.L.228, No.50), referred to as the Higher Education
12 Assistance Continuation Law, are amended to read:

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14 Providing for the annual announcement of grants by the
15 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency; authorizing
16 the continuing appropriation of certain funds; providing for
17 coordination with available Federal programs; and providing
18 for the manner in which certain appropriations may be
19 revised.

20 Section 1. In order to encourage needy students to make

1 timely application for enrollment in postsecondary educational
2 programs and coordinate the State and Federal evaluation and
3 announcement of the student's eligibility to receive financial
4 aid, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
5 annually, on the first day of [May] March, shall have the
6 authority to announce the scholarships and educational
7 assistance grants to be awarded by the agency for the next
8 succeeding academic year pursuant to the provisions of the act
9 of January 25, 1966 (P.L.1546, No.541), entitled "An act
10 providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal
11 funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary
13 institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and
14 providing for the administration of this act," and the act of
15 October 11, 1972 (P.L.909, No.216), known as the "Veterans'
16 Education Act of 1971," and the act of October 11, 1972
17 (P.L.899, No.213), entitled "An act providing scholarships for
18 certain dependents of members of the armed services who while on
19 active duty are taken as prisoners of war or are reported
20 missing in action and making an appropriation," not to exceed
21 the amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year.

22 Section 2. In order to carry out the provisions of section 1
23 of this act, any appropriation effective during any fiscal year
24 providing moneys to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
25 Agency for scholarship grants shall, if the General Assembly
26 does not provide by law prior to [May] March 1 of the same
27 fiscal year, to increase, lower or terminate the appropriation,
28 be deemed to be reenacted for the ensuing fiscal year in the
29 same amount and for the same purpose as provided in such
30 appropriation: Provided, however, That the reenacted

1 appropriation shall not be effective until the first day of the
2 ensuing fiscal year.

3 Section 4. If the General Assembly at any time hereafter
4 shall enact legislation to reduce appropriations for scholarship
5 grants prior to the first day of [May] March such enactment
6 shall be applicable to the next succeeding academic year. Should
7 such enactment be made after the first of [May] March, the
8 provisions thereof shall be applicable to the academic year
9 following the next succeeding academic year.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.