

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 13, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541),
2 entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing funds
3 to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to
5 attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making
6 an appropriation, and providing for the administration of
7 this act," providing that scholarships awarded under the act
8 shall be known as "Irvis Grants."

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

11 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of January 25, 1966 (1965
12 P.L.1546, No.541), entitled "An act providing scholarships and
13 providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students
14 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial
15 assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher
16 learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the
17 administration of this act," is amended to read:

18 Section 2. State Scholarship Program; Administration.--(a)
19 The State scholarship program is to be administered by the
20 "Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency," hereinafter

1 referred to as the agency. This agency shall prepare and
2 supervise the issuance of public information concerning the
3 provisions of the scholarship program. It will prescribe the
4 form and regulate the submission of applications for
5 scholarships; conduct any conferences and interviews with
6 applicants which may be appropriate; administer or contract for
7 the administration of appropriate examinations; determine the
8 "financial need" and eligibility of applicants; select qualified
9 recipients; award the appropriate scholarships; and determine
10 eligibility for, and annual renewal of scholarships. The agency
11 is authorized to make all necessary and proper rules, consistent
12 with this act, for the efficient exercise of the foregoing
13 functions. The agency is hereby authorized to accept grants,
14 gifts, bequests and devises of real and personal property for
15 the purpose of conducting research, pilot and demonstration
16 projects, and similar activities to determine the need for
17 financial assistance from the agency to pursue higher education
18 on the part of residents of the Commonwealth. The results and
19 findings of such projects and research shall be made available
20 to the members of the General Assembly. The agency will further
21 assume the same duties, responsibilities, and relationships for
22 this act as for those of the act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549),
23 entitled "An act creating the Pennsylvania Higher Education
24 Assistance Agency; defining its powers and duties; conferring
25 powers and imposing duties on the Governor, President Pro
26 Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
27 Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of
28 Banking; and making appropriations." The Pennsylvania Higher
29 Education Assistance Agency is authorized to disburse funds to
30 such institutions from funds specifically appropriated for the

1 purpose of assisting such institutions to secure Federal funds
2 for the use of direct financial aid to students.

3 (b) Scholarships awarded under this act shall be known as
4 "Irvis Grants," in honor of the former Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives, K. Leroy Irvis.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.