

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 990 Session of 1991

INTRODUCED BY MARKOSEK, SAURMAN, PISTELLA, GRUPPO, BELFANTI, HERMAN, SCHULER, JADLOWIEC, SCRIMENTI, BLAUM, COY, CAPPABIANCA, KUKOVICH, LAUGHLIN, RUDY, KENNEY, BILLOW, COHEN, CORRIGAN, KOSINSKI, VROON, McCALL, JOSEPHS, DeLUCA, FOX, O'BRIEN, STEIGHNER, STISH, LEVDANSKY, NAILOR, HALUSKA, MELIO, CAWLEY, STABACK, TELEK, BUNT, BELARDI, DALEY, TANGRETTI, COLAFELLA, WOZNIAK, E. Z. TAYLOR, RICHARDSON, TRELLO, NAHILL, COWELL, VEON, HUGHES, J. TAYLOR AND JAMES, APRIL 3, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 3, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act creating the Pennsylvania Higher  
3 Education Assistance Agency; defining its powers and duties;  
4 conferring powers and imposing duties on the Governor,  
5 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the  
7 Department of Auditor General; and making appropriations,"  
8 authorizing loan forgiveness for certain teachers.

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

11 Section 1. The act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290),  
12 referred to as the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
13 Agency Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

14 Section 4.4. Loan Forgiveness.--(a) Pursuant to subclause  
15 (iii) of clause (1.1) of section 4, the board shall adopt a  
16 policy of, and appropriate procedures for, granting forgiveness  
17 for loan recipients who graduate from agency-approved  
18 institutions in agency-approved programs, focusing on the

1 education of autistic children.

2 (b) For each calendar year that a person is employed as a  
3 certified teacher in classes emphasizing the education of  
4 autistic children, twenty-five per cent of the approved  
5 indebtedness shall be forgiven. Payment shall be made in  
6 accordance with the procedure established by the agency.

7 (c) The board of directors of the agency shall have the  
8 power and its duty shall be to adopt rules and regulations  
9 pursuant to the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred  
10 to as the Commonwealth Documents Law, and not inconsistent with  
11 law governing matters relating to this section. The rules and  
12 regulations shall include the manner of verification of  
13 employment.

14 Section 2. This act shall apply to loan recipients who  
15 graduate from agency-approved institutions in agency-approved  
16 education programs on or after January 1, 1991.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.