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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 16, 1988 (P.L.1259, No.155),  
2 entitled "An act providing for Commonwealth support for an  
3 Urban and Rural Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program for  
4 Pennsylvania residents who graduate from institutions of  
5 higher education and who apply their degrees to teaching in  
6 urban and rural public schools in this Commonwealth," further  
7 defining the term "eligible rural public school district."

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

10 Section 1. The definition of "eligible rural public school  
11 district" in section 3 of the act of December 16, 1988  
12 (P.L.1259, No.155), known as the Urban and Rural Teacher Loan  
13 Forgiveness Act, is amended to read:

14 Section 3. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
16 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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19 "Eligible rural public school district." A public school  
20 district that has a population of less than 300 per square mile

1 and either:

2 (1) more than 8% of the pupils in average daily  
3 membership are low-income pupils as defined in section  
4 2502.11 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
5 as the Public School Code of 1949; [or]

6 (2) the market value/income aid ratio, as defined in  
7 section 2501 of the Public School Code of 1949, is greater  
8 than seven-tenths[.]; or

9 (3) a public school district which has a population of  
10 less than 25 people per square mile.

11 This definition shall also apply to an intermediate unit or area  
12 vocational-technical school if the composite data for all  
13 participating school districts meet the criteria specified  
14 herein.

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