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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 2743** Session of  
1996

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INTRODUCED BY PITTS, JUNE 13, 1996

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 13, 1996

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AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation to the Pennsylvania College of  
2 Optometry, Philadelphia.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. The sum of \$1,548,000 is hereby appropriated to  
6 the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia, for the  
7 fiscal year July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997, for instruction.

8 Section 2. Payments to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry  
9 on account of the appropriation provided in section 1 shall be  
10 made quarterly by the Secretary of Education on the basis of  
11 costs during the fiscal year. The secretary shall not release  
12 more than the first quarterly payment until such time as the  
13 Trustees of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry agree in  
14 writing to include a minimum of five members appointed by the  
15 Governor and the General Assembly. The Governor, the President  
16 pro tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate,  
17 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority

1 Leader of the House of Representatives may each, upon receipt of  
2 the written agreement from the trustees, appoint a nonelected  
3 official to serve as a member of the board and the terms of  
4 office shall be coterminous with that of their appointing  
5 authority.

6 Section 3. The Pennsylvania College of Optometry shall  
7 provide full, complete and accurate information as may be  
8 required by the Department of Education or the chairman or the  
9 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate  
10 or the chairman or the minority chairman of the Appropriations  
11 Committee of the House of Representatives.

12 Section 4. The Pennsylvania College of Optometry shall  
13 report its revenues and expenditures and present its financial  
14 statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting  
15 principles and procedures for educational institutions as set  
16 forth in the "Higher Education Finance Manual (1975)" and the  
17 "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Budget Instructions for the State  
18 System of Higher Education, State-Related Universities and Non-  
19 State-Related Colleges and Universities."

20 Section 5. The trustees of the Pennsylvania College of  
21 Optometry shall report on forms provided by the Department of  
22 Education to both the chairman and minority chairman of the  
23 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and  
24 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House  
25 of Representatives by September 30, 1997, on how State-  
26 appropriated funds were expended for fiscal year 1996-1997 to  
27 reduce the costs to Pennsylvania resident students or to provide  
28 services to Pennsylvania residents.

29 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, or  
30 immediately, whichever is later.