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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 30, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for financial  
6 programs for operating community colleges.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1913-A(b)(1.4)(ii) of the act of March  
10 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of  
11 1949, amended July 11, 1996 (P.L.633, No.107), is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 1913-A. Financial Program; Reimbursement or  
14 Payments.--\* \* \*

15 (b) \* \* \*

16 (1.4) The equivalent full-time student reimbursement of a  
17 community college shall be the sum of credit course, noncredit

1 course and stipend reimbursements. These reimbursements shall be  
2 calculated using a reimbursement factor of one thousand and  
3 forty dollars (\$1,040) for the 1993-1994 fiscal year, of one  
4 thousand eighty dollars (\$1,080) for the 1994-1995 fiscal year  
5 and of one thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$1,180) for the  
6 1995-1996 fiscal year and one thousand and two hundred and ten  
7 dollars (\$1,210) for the 1996-1997 fiscal year and for each year  
8 thereafter and shall be determined as follows:

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10 (ii) [Noncredit] Except for courses defined under  
11 subparagraph (D), noncredit course reimbursement shall be  
12 calculated as follows:

13 (A) eighty percent (80%) of the reimbursement factor  
14 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students  
15 enrolled in eligible noncredit courses for the 1993-1994 fiscal  
16 year, as determined by the audit referred to in paragraph (i);

17 (B) seventy percent (70%) of the reimbursement factor  
18 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students  
19 enrolled in eligible noncredit courses for the 1994-1995 fiscal  
20 year and for each year thereafter, as determined by the audit  
21 referred to in paragraph (i); or

22 (C) one hundred percent (100%) of the reimbursement factor  
23 multiplied by the number of equivalent full-time students  
24 enrolled in eligible noncredit public safety courses that  
25 provide training for volunteer firefighters and emergency  
26 medical services for the 1995-1996 fiscal year and for each year  
27 thereafter, as determined by the audit referred to in paragraph  
28 (i).

29 (D) Those noncredit courses defined herein as "work force  
30 development courses" shall be reimbursed using the reimbursement

1 factor stipulated in clause (1.4). "Noncredit work force  
2 development courses" shall be defined as those courses, the  
3 specific purpose of which is to provide students with  
4 opportunities to upgrade and/or develop skills necessary or  
5 useful for gainful employment, but which do not lead to an  
6 associate's degree or other academic award. The subject matter  
7 of noncredit work force development courses may encompass any of  
8 the following:

9 (I) Computers, including the study of both hardware and  
10 software applications.

11 (II) Management and supervision, including, but not limited  
12 to, team-building training, management and supervisory skills,  
13 conflict resolution, interviewing skills, problem solving,  
14 developing leadership skills, team and individual decision  
15 making and the application of Federal and State laws to the work  
16 place.

17 (III) Health-related fields, including, but not limited to,  
18 continuing education for registered nurses, licensed practical  
19 nurses, critical care nurses, dental assistants and hygienists  
20 and certification for nurse aides.

21 (IV) Vocational and industrial jobs in such fields as  
22 welding, machine tool and die, electronics, safety, plastics  
23 technology, hydraulics, construction, warehouse materials  
24 management, automotive repair and management, heating,  
25 ventilation and air conditioning, and refrigeration.

26 (V) Professional development, including required continuing  
27 education courses in a variety of fields, including, but not  
28 limited to, real estate, travel industry, early childhood  
29 education, child care, food service management and supervision,  
30 and dietary management and supervision.

1        (VI) New categories of noncredit work force development  
2 courses shall be added and existing categories expanded from  
3 time to time by the Department of Education in consultation with  
4 the community colleges as technology advances and changes in the  
5 nature of jobs in the work place may require.

6        (VII) Noncredit work force development courses may be  
7 offered by a community college at an off-campus site or at any  
8 of its facilities.

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