

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2397 Session of
2006

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THOMAS, WALKO, WANSACZ, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD
AND PALLONE, JANUARY 26, 2006

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 26, 2006

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," further providing for the length of scholarships+ <—
8 ~~and making an appropriation.~~

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

11 Section 1. Section 8(a) of the act of January 25, 1966 (1965
12 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education
13 Scholarship Law, amended October 5, 1994 (P.L.568, No.83), is
14 amended to read:

1 Section 8. (a) (1) Each State scholarship is renewable <—
2 until the program of study is completed, but not to exceed an
3 additional ~~{three}~~~~four~~ academic years beyond the first year of <—
4 the award or beyond an additional four academic years for
5 students enrolled in five-year undergraduate programs of study
6 approved by the agency. These may not necessarily be consecutive
7 years and the scholarship will be terminated if the student
8 receives his degree in a shorter period of time. Qualifications
9 for renewal will include maintaining satisfactory academic
10 standing, making normal progress toward completion of the course
11 of study, and continued eligibility as determined by the agency
12 including continual legal residency.

13 (2) (I) BEGINNING IN THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH <—
14 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE
15 SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANT
16 ELIGIBILITY FOR A FOURTH ACADEMIC YEAR BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR OF
17 THE AWARD FOR STUDENTS IN FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS, THE AGENCY
18 SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.

19 (II) AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST TO THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY, THE AGENCY SHALL REQUEST FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
21 CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SEPARATE FROM THE
22 AGENCY'S REQUEST FOR FUNDS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).

23 (III) THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE TERMINATED IF THE STUDENT
24 RECEIVES HIS DEGREE IN A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME. QUALIFICATIONS
25 FOR RENEWAL SHALL INCLUDE MAINTAINING SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC
26 STANDING, MAKING NORMAL PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION OF THE COURSE
27 OF STUDY, AND CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY AS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY,
28 INCLUDING CONTINUAL LEGAL RESIDENCY.

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30 ~~Section 2. The sum of \$11,000,000, or as much thereof as may <—~~

1 ~~be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Higher~~
2 ~~Education Assistance Agency for the fiscal year July 1, 2006, to~~
3 ~~June 30, 2007, to carry out the provisions of this act.~~

4 Section 3 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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