

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SURRA, MURT AND MAJOR, JANUARY 14, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 14, 2008

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 providing for allocations to scholarship program.

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 11.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
15 this act, during the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each fiscal year
16 thereafter the agency shall allocate to the scholarship program
17 established under the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546,
18 No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law, an
19 amount equal to one hundred dollars (\$100) for every one dollar
20 (1\$) spent on the following:

1 (1) Retreats for members of the board of directors or agency
2 staff.

3 (2) Sponsorship of events or activities except those
4 narrowly tailored to increase access to higher education
5 opportunities for Pennsylvanians.

6 (3) Promotional materials and advertising, excluding
7 brochures, mailings, forms or other documents describing agency
8 programs.

9 (4) Bonuses awarded to employees of the agency or a
10 nonprofit corporation established by the agency.

11 (b) The allocation shall be in addition to any amount
12 appropriated by the General Assembly. For the purpose of this
13 section, a bonus shall be any monetary compensation given to an
14 employee above and beyond the employee's annual salary. The term
15 does not include reimbursement for mileage and expenses for
16 official business.

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