## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 529

Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, LOGAN, WAUGH, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, BAKER, PIPPY, FERLO, RAFFERTY AND WONDERLING, MARCH 2, 2009

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## AN ACT

Amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.423, No.101), entitled "An act providing for Commonwealth support for institutions 2 of higher education to furnish learning and special 3 counseling services for undergraduate students whose 5 cultural, economic and educational disadvantages impair their initial ability to pursue successfully higher education 6 opportunities, and making an appropriation," further providing for the Higher Education Equal Opportunity Program. 8 9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 10 hereby enacts as follows: 11 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.423, 12 No.101), known as the Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act, is 13 amended to read: 14 Section 4. Higher Education Equal Opportunity Program. -- The 15 Secretary of Education may, in conformance with such policies, 16 standards, rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of 17 Education, contract with institutions of higher education for 18 the awarding of higher education equal opportunity program grants. Programs for which such grants may be awarded shall 19

include, but not be limited to; remedial learning services,

- 1 counseling services [or tutorial services. Funds provided by
- 2 this act may not be used to pay tuition, room and board or other
- 3 institutional costs or fees incurred by students.], tutorial
- 4 <u>services</u>, tuition and textbook assistance, child-care
- 5 <u>assistance</u>, additional staff for programs or discretionary funds
- 6 to supplement financial aid on a case-by-case basis.
- 7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.