

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1508 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, VANCE, CORMAN, M. WHITE, ALLOWAY, SMUCKER
AND FOLMER, MAY 7, 2012

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MAY 7, 2012

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," in community colleges, further
6 providing for financial program and reimbursement of
7 payments.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1913-A(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
12 amended June 7, 1993 (P.L.49, No.16), is amended to read:

13 Section 1913-A. Financial Program; Reimbursement of
14 Payments.--(a) [The] (1) Except as otherwise provided in
15 paragraph (2), the plan submitted by the local sponsor shall set
16 forth a financial program for the operation of the community
17 college. The plan shall provide that the local sponsor shall
18 appropriate or provide to the community college an amount at
19 least equal to the community college's annual operating costs
20 less the student tuition as determined in section 1908-A(a) less

1 the Commonwealth's payment as determined in subsection (b) (1) of
2 this section. The plan shall also provide that one-half of the
3 annual capital expenses shall be appropriated or provided by the
4 local sponsor to the community college. The local sponsor's
5 appropriation for annual operating costs and annual capital
6 expenses may in part be represented by real or personal property
7 or services made available to the community college. The plan
8 shall indicate whether the appropriation shall come from general
9 revenues, loan funds, special tax levies or from other sources,
10 including student tuitions.

11 (2) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1),
12 for a community college that is sponsored by one or more school
13 districts, has an enrollment head count in excess of 20,000 and
14 consists of more than four campuses that are approved by both
15 the Department of Education and the Middle States Association of
16 Colleges and Schools, the plan submitted by the local sponsor
17 shall set forth a financial program for the operation of the
18 community college and shall provide that the local sponsor shall
19 appropriate or provide to the community college for the
20 community college's annual operating costs and annual capital
21 expenses an amount negotiated by the governing body of the local
22 sponsor and the community college, provided that the amount
23 negotiated shall not exceed the sum of:

24 (A) an amount at least equal to the community college's
25 annual operating costs less the student tuition as determined in
26 section 1908-A(a) less the Commonwealth's payment as determined
27 in subsection (b) (1); and

28 (B) one-half of the annual capital expenses of the community
29 college.

30 (ii) The local sponsor's appropriation for annual operating

1 costs and annual capital expenses may in part be represented by
2 real or personal property or services made available to the
3 community college. The plan shall indicate whether the
4 appropriation shall come from general revenues, loan funds,
5 special tax levies or from other sources, including student
6 tuitions.

7 (iii) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "enrollment
8 head count" shall mean the number of students enrolled on a
9 full-time or part-time basis at a community college in the
10 immediately preceding fall semester.

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