

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 601 Session of
2014

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READSHAW, ROSS, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS, VEREB, WATSON,
YOUNGBLOOD AND GINGRICH, JANUARY 13, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 13, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of January 2014 as "Financial Aid
2 Awareness Month" and commending the work of the Pennsylvania
3 Higher Education Assistance Agency and the Pennsylvania
4 Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

5 WHEREAS, January is the first month in which students can
6 apply for financial aid to help finance their postsecondary
7 education; and

8 WHEREAS, The ability of some college students to attend and
9 pursue a postsecondary education is conditional on the
10 availability of student financial assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, Knowledge of the availability of student financial
12 aid to help finance a postsecondary education has been shown to
13 vary across demographic groupings; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth, through the Pennsylvania Higher
15 Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), has been one of the leading
16 states in the nation, providing need-based State grant financial

1 assistance to eligible Pennsylvania residents and providing
2 other State financial assistance programs; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial
4 Aid Administrators (PASFAA) has been one of the leading State
5 associations of financial aid professionals in the nation who
6 advocate for access to postsecondary education and educate the
7 public on financial aid and funding opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
9 is the first step in the financial aid process to apply for
10 Federal student aid, such as the Pell Grants, student loans and
11 college work-study programs; and

12 WHEREAS, FAFSA information is also used to award State grants
13 to Commonwealth students pursuing postsecondary education; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth, PHEAA and PASFAA want to promote
15 the availability of student financial assistance to help finance
16 a postsecondary education, in the form of Federal grants, State
17 grants, loans, work-study programs and other specialized State
18 funding programs to help eligible Pennsylvanians pursue their
19 postsecondary endeavors; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of January 2014 as "Financial Aid Awareness Month," urge
22 all college students seeking financial assistance to apply for
23 financial aid through FAFSA and recognize the work of PHEAA and
24 PASFAA in their respective efforts to promote the availability
25 of postsecondary student financial assistance for the residents
26 of this Commonwealth.