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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 1, 2015

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 preliminary provisions, providing
6 for powers and duties of the Secretary of Education.

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

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 124. Powers and Duties of the Secretary of
13 Education.--(a) On behalf of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of
14 Education shall have the authority and duty to enter into and
15 administer MEMBERSHIP IN A REGIONAL COMPACT AND an interstate <--
16 reciprocity agreement for the provision of postsecondary
17 distance education by the following:

18 (1) Institutions of higher education to students in other
19 states, territories and districts party to such agreement.

1 (2) Postsecondary institutions in other states, territories
2 or districts that are a party to such agreement to students in
3 this Commonwealth.

4 (b) The Department of Education may charge administrative
5 fees to institutions of higher education that choose to
6 participate in the agreement, not to exceed the Department of
7 Education's additional administrative cost.

8 (c) The Postsecondary Distance Education Interstate
9 Reciprocity Agreement Restricted Receipts Account is established
10 as a special restricted receipts account within the General Fund
11 of the State Treasury, from which the department may draw moneys
12 for the purpose of agreement expenses, the costs of
13 administering and implementing the agreement and all other costs
14 associated with the activities of the department related to
15 implementation of this section. This account shall consist of
16 all administrative fees deposited under subsection (b) and State
17 funds appropriated for use under this section. The restricted
18 receipts account shall be subject to audit by the Auditor
19 General.

20 (d) For purposes of this section, "institution of higher
21 education" shall have the meaning given in section 118.

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