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AN ACT

1 Providing for child-care expense considerations in financial aid  
2 determinations by postsecondary educational institutions.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Child-care expense considerations in financial aid  
6 determinations.

7 (a) General rule.--In determining the amount of financial  
8 aid a student is eligible to receive in an academic year, a  
9 postsecondary educational institution shall consider if the  
10 student will incur child-care expenses during that academic  
11 year. If it is determined that the student will incur child-care  
12 expenses, the postsecondary educational institution shall use  
13 that as a factor in calculating the amount of financial aid to  
14 which the student is entitled.

15 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
16 "postsecondary educational institution" means an institution of  
17 the State System of Higher Education as provided in Article XX-A

1 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the  
2 Public School Code of 1949, a State-related institution as  
3 defined in section 2001-D of that act and a community college as  
4 defined in section 1901-A of that act.

5 Section 2. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect in 60 days.