

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2494 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY ROEBUCK, CEPHAS, DRISCOLL, MURT, KORTZ, GALLOWAY, HILL-EVANS, SHUSTERMAN, ULLMAN, KIRKLAND, SANCHEZ, SCHWEYER, DELLOSO, DeLUCA, McCLINTON, HANBIDGE, GAINNEY, ISAACSON, HOHENSTEIN, CIRESI, OTTEN, KENYATTA, SCHLOSSBERG, ROZZI, GREEN AND DEASY, MAY 12, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 12, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290), entitled
 2 "An act creating the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
 3 Agency; defining its powers and duties; conferring powers and
 4 imposing duties on the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the
 5 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
 6 Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of
 7 Auditor General; and making appropriations," providing for
 8 suspension of interest payment collection during state of
 9 disaster emergency.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290),
 13 referred to as the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
 14 Agency Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 4.4. Suspension of Interest Payment Collection
 16 During State of Disaster Emergency.--Notwithstanding any other
 17 provision of law to the contrary, beginning on the effective
 18 date of this section and ending sixty days after the
 19 proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
 20 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and

1 any renewal of the state of disaster emergency is terminated or
2 expires under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general
3 authority of Governor), the agency may not collect interest in
4 connection with payment on loans issued to borrowers under this
5 act.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.