

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 444 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BRADFORD, MARCH 1, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 1, 2021

A SUPPLEMENT

1 To the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3),  
 2 entitled "An act providing for the establishment and  
 3 operation of the University of Pittsburgh as an  
 4 instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-  
 5 related university in the higher education system of the  
 6 Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the  
 7 composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and  
 8 the power and duties of such trustees; authorizing  
 9 appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General  
 10 Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of  
 11 expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public  
 12 support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of  
 13 bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring  
 14 the chancellor to make an annual report of the operations of  
 15 the University of Pittsburgh," making appropriations for  
 16 carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for  
 17 payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting  
 18 for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information  
 19 disclosure.

20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 21 hereby enacts as follows:

22 Section 1. The following sums, or as much thereof as may be  
 23 necessary, are hereby appropriated to the Trustees of the  
 24 University of Pittsburgh for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to  
 25 June 30, 2022, for the purposes and in the amounts as shown:

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| 26 | (1) For general support.....        | \$151,507,000 |
| 27 | (2) For rural education outreach... | \$3,346,000   |

1 Section 2. Payments to the University of Pittsburgh on  
2 account of the appropriations for all items as provided in  
3 section 1 shall be made on the basis of costs during the fiscal  
4 year.

5 Section 3. (a) Payments to the University of Pittsburgh of  
6 the appropriations provided in section 1 shall be made monthly  
7 during the fiscal year.

8 (b) Such monthly payments shall be made in accordance with  
9 the provisions of section 2 on the basis of estimated costs. The  
10 estimate of costs shall be submitted by the University of  
11 Pittsburgh to the Secretary of Education, the General Assembly  
12 and the State Treasurer not later than 30 days prior to the date  
13 on which such payment is to be made.

14 Section 4. (a) The University of Pittsburgh shall apply the  
15 moneys appropriated by this act only for such purposes as are  
16 permitted in this act and shall at all times maintain proper  
17 records showing the application of such moneys. Not later than  
18 120 days after the close of the fiscal year to which this act  
19 relates, the University of Pittsburgh shall file, with the  
20 Secretary of Education, the General Assembly, the Auditor  
21 General of the Commonwealth and the chief administrator of each  
22 branch campus, a statement setting forth the amounts and  
23 purposes of all expenditures made from moneys appropriated by  
24 this act and other university accounts during said fiscal year,  
25 as provided in section 2, used as a basis for receipt of any  
26 appropriation during said fiscal year.

27 (b) Such statement of expenditures and costs shall be  
28 reviewed by the Auditor General of the Commonwealth, and he  
29 shall have the right, in respect to the moneys appropriated by  
30 this act, to audit and disallow expenditures made for purposes

1 not permitted by this act and to cause such sums to be recovered  
2 and paid by the University of Pittsburgh to the State Treasurer.  
3 In respect to expenditures made by the university from moneys  
4 other than those appropriated by this act, the Auditor General  
5 shall have the right to review only, and he shall file annually  
6 with the General Assembly such information concerning such  
7 expenditures as the General Assembly or any of its committees  
8 may require.

9 Section 5. The University of Pittsburgh shall provide full,  
10 complete and accurate information as may be required by the  
11 Department of Education or the chairperson or minority  
12 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate or the  
13 chairperson or minority chairperson of the Appropriations  
14 Committee of the House of Representatives.

15 Section 6. The University of Pittsburgh shall present and  
16 report its financial statements required under the provisions of  
17 this act in accordance with: the generally accepted accounting  
18 principles as prescribed by the National Association of College  
19 and University Business Officers, the American Institute of  
20 Certified Public Accountants, or their successors, or by any  
21 other recognized authoritative body; the "Commonwealth of  
22 Pennsylvania Budget Instructions for the State System of Higher  
23 Education, State-Related Universities and Non-State-Related  
24 Colleges and Universities"; and the financial reporting policies  
25 and standards promulgated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
26 and by the Federal Government that apply to the University of  
27 Pittsburgh.

28 Section 7. No funds appropriated by this act may be used for  
29 costs of personnel and operations of the environmental law  
30 clinic.

1       Section 7.1. Funds appropriated by this act shall only be  
2 used for costs directly related to the provision of instruction  
3 for graduate and undergraduate students and costs incurred in  
4 providing student-related services and community outreach  
5 services, consistent with the existing laws of this  
6 Commonwealth.

7       Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021, or  
8 immediately, whichever is later.