
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY POLINCHOCK, MOUL, BERNSTINE, SCHLEGEL CULVER,
DRISCOLL, ECKER, KEEFER, KINSEY, PICKETT AND RYAN,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 20, 2022

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 miscellaneous provisions relating
6 to institutions of higher education, prohibiting scholarship
7 displacement at public institutions of higher education under
8 certain circumstances.

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

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

14 Section 2002-I. Prohibition on scholarship displacement at
15 public institutions of higher education.

16 (a) General rule.--A public institution of higher education
17 may reduce a student's institutional financial aid as a result
18 of the awarding of private scholarships to the student only
19 under the circumstances enumerated in subsections (b) and (c).

20 (b) When institutional financial aid exceeds financial

1 need.--If a student's total financial aid from all sources
2 exceeds the student's financial need, a public institution of
3 higher education may reduce the student's institutional
4 financial aid until the student's total financial aid no longer
5 exceeds the student's financial need.

6 (c) When approval of organization given.--In addition to the
7 reduction authorized under subsection (b), a public institution
8 of higher education may reduce a student's institutional
9 financial aid if the public institution of higher education
10 receives approval from the organization that awarded the private
11 scholarship that caused the reduction authorized under
12 subsection (b).

13 (d) Student athletes.--If a student is an athlete at a
14 public institution of higher education, the public institution
15 of higher education may reduce the student's institutional
16 financial aid in order to comply with the individual or team
17 financial aid restrictions of an athletic association,
18 conference or other group or organization with authority over
19 intercollegiate athletics including, but not limited to, the
20 National Collegiate Athletic Association.

21 (e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
22 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
23 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Expected family contribution." The expected family
25 contribution as determined under section 474 of the Higher
26 Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-329, 20 U.S.C. § 1087nn).

27 "Financial need." The cost of attendance minus expected
28 family contribution.

29 "Institutional financial aid." The sum of all need-based and
30 merit-based grants, scholarships, tuition waivers and all other

1 forms of financial assistance provided to a student by a public
2 institution of higher education that are not loans or work-study
3 programs.

4 "Private scholarship." A scholarship awarded by a business,
5 private foundation, nonprofit organization or service group.
6 The term does not include an award funded by a private
7 organization which is affiliated with a public institution of
8 higher education and requests the public institution of higher
9 education's assistance in selecting the recipient of the award.

10 "Public institution of higher education." Any of the
11 following:

12 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A

13 (2) A rural regional college established under Article
14 XIX-G.

15 (3) A university within the State System of Higher
16 Education under Article XX-A.

17 (4) A State-related institution as defined in section
18 2001-C.

19 (5) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

20 (6) The Pennsylvania College of Technology.

21 "Student." An individual enrolled at a public
22 institution of higher education.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022 or
24 immediately, whichever occurs first.