
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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COLLETT, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, AUMENT, KANE AND
MUTH, MARCH 12, 2021

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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. The postsecondary educational institution shall use child-
12 care expenses as a factor in calculating the amount of financial
13 aid to which the student is entitled.

14 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
15 "postsecondary educational institution" means an institution of
16 the State System of Higher Education as provided in Article XX-A
17 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the

1 Public School Code of 1949, a State-related institution as
2 defined in section 2001-D of the Public School Code of 1949 and
3 a community college as defined in section 1901-A of the Public
4 School Code of 1949.

5 Section 2. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect in 60 days.