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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DEASY, MADDEN, PROBST, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG,  
CIRESI, SANCHEZ, BURGOS, WARREN, GALLOWAY, D. WILLIAMS,  
FREEMAN, KINKEAD AND N. NELSON, MARCH 16, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 16, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Providing for community college educational assistance.

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

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Community  
6 College Educational Assistance Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Agency." The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
12 Agency.

13 "Eligible student." A student who has completed 60 credits  
14 and maintained a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0  
15 scale, or its equivalent, at a Pennsylvania community college.

16 Section 3. Educational assistance program.

17 (a) Establishment.--The Community College Educational

1 Assistance Program is established.

2 (b) Calculation.--The Community College Educational  
3 Assistance Program shall provide that the agency disregard one-  
4 third of an eligible student's expected family contribution and  
5 Federal Pell Grant award amount when calculating the eligible  
6 student's Pennsylvania State Grant.

7 Section 4. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.