

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY FLICK, C. WILLIAMS, RIGBY AND CAUSER,
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SENATOR MARTIN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, JUNE 29, 2023

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An~~ <--
2 ~~act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public~~
3 ~~welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,~~
4 ~~providing for ambulance transportation services.~~
5 AMENDING THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), ENTITLED <--
6 "AN ACT RELATING TO THE FINANCES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT;
7 PROVIDING FOR CANCER CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH, FOR
8 AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER DATA COLLECTION, FOR THE JOINT
9 UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, FOR ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS
10 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FIRMS, FOR PRIVATE DAM FINANCIAL
11 ASSURANCE AND FOR REINSTATEMENT OF ITEM VETOES; PROVIDING FOR
12 THE SETTLEMENT, ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION, AND LIEN OF TAXES,
13 BONUS, AND ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS DUE THE COMMONWEALTH, THE
14 COLLECTION AND RECOVERY OF FEES AND OTHER MONEY OR PROPERTY
15 DUE OR BELONGING TO THE COMMONWEALTH, OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF,
16 INCLUDING ESCHEATED PROPERTY AND THE PROCEEDS OF ITS SALE,
17 THE CUSTODY AND DISBURSEMENT OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF FUNDS
18 AND SECURITIES BELONGING TO OR IN THE POSSESSION OF THE
19 COMMONWEALTH, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE
20 COMMONWEALTH, THE RESETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND APPEALS TO THE
21 COURTS, REFUNDS OF MONEYS ERRONEOUSLY PAID TO THE
22 COMMONWEALTH, AUDITING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND
23 ALL AGENCIES THEREOF, OF ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS COLLECTING
24 MONEYS PAYABLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH, OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF,
25 AND ALL RECEIPTS OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH,
26 AUTHORIZING THE COMMONWEALTH TO ISSUE TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES
27 TO DEFRAID CURRENT EXPENSES, IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF
28 SECTION 7(A) OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
29 PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING AND RESTRICTING THE INCURRING OF
30 CERTAIN DEBT AND IMPOSING PENALTIES; AFFECTING EVERY

1 DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, AND OFFICER OF THE STATE
2 GOVERNMENT, EVERY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AND
3 CERTAIN OFFICERS OF SUCH SUBDIVISIONS, EVERY PERSON,
4 ASSOCIATION, AND CORPORATION REQUIRED TO PAY, ASSESS, OR
5 COLLECT TAXES, OR TO MAKE RETURNS OR REPORTS UNDER THE LAWS
6 IMPOSING TAXES FOR STATE PURPOSES, OR TO PAY LICENSE FEES OR
7 OTHER MONEYS TO THE COMMONWEALTH, OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF,
8 EVERY STATE DEPOSITORY AND EVERY DEBTOR OR CREDITOR OF THE
9 COMMONWEALTH," IN TREASURY DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING THE
10 PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
11 AND THE PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP
12 FUND; AND PROVIDING FOR 2023-2024 BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 ~~Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known <--~~
16 ~~as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to~~
17 ~~read:~~

18 ~~Section 443.13. Ambulance Transportation Services. (a)~~
19 ~~From money appropriated for medical assistance capitation,~~
20 ~~subject to Federal approval as may be necessary and contingent~~
21 ~~on Federal financial participation, beginning January 1, 2025,~~
22 ~~sufficient funds shall be included to provide rates for~~
23 ~~ambulance transportation for ground mileage at not less than \$4~~
24 ~~per mile for each loaded mile.~~

25 ~~(b) From money appropriated for medical assistance fee for~~
26 ~~service, subject to Federal approval as may be necessary and~~
27 ~~contingent on Federal financial participation, beginning January~~
28 ~~1, 2025, sufficient funds shall be included to provide rates for~~
29 ~~ambulance transportation for ground mileage at not less than \$4~~
30 ~~per mile for each loaded mile.~~

31 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

32 SECTION 1. ARTICLE III OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.343, <--
33 NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL CODE, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
34 SUBARTICLE HEADING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ARTICLE HEADING TO
35 READ:

36 SUBARTICLE A

1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2 SECTION 2. ARTICLE III OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
3 SUBARTICLE TO READ:

4 SUBARTICLE B

5 PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT

6 SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

7 SECTION 321. SCOPE OF SUBARTICLE.

8 THIS SUBARTICLE RELATES TO THE PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT
9 SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

10 SECTION 322. DEFINITIONS.

11 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS SUBARTICLE
12 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
13 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

14 "APPLICANT." A PARENT WHO APPLIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
15 PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 324 ON BEHALF OF AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT.

16 "ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2002-B OF THE
17 ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC
18 SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

19 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
20 COMMONWEALTH.

21 "ELIGIBLE STUDENT." A SCHOOL-AGE CHILD WHO:

22 (1) IS A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

23 (2) HAS NOT RECEIVED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

24 (3) RESIDES, AS DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 1302 OF THE
25 PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, WITHIN THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY OF
26 A LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOL OR RESIDED, AS DETERMINED UNDER
27 SECTION 1302 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, WITHIN THE
28 ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY OF A LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOL AT THE TIME THE
29 STATE TREASURY RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE CHILD
30 ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF ENROLLMENT UNDER SECTION 324.

1 (4) LIVES IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH A HOUSEHOLD INCOME BELOW
2 250% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES OR LIVED IN A
3 HOUSEHOLD WITH A HOUSEHOLD INCOME BELOW 250% OF THE FEDERAL
4 POVERTY GUIDELINES AT THE TIME THE STATE TREASURY RECEIVED
5 WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE CHILD ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF
6 ENROLLMENT UNDER SECTION 324.

7 (5) SATISFIES ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (I) ATTENDED A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS COMMONWEALTH IN
9 THE PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR.

10 (II) RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE PROGRAM IN THE
11 PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR.

12 (III) WILL ATTEND KINDERGARTEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
13 THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

14 "FUND." THE PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
15 SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 328.

16 "KINDERGARTEN." A ONE-YEAR FORMAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM,
17 WHETHER PART TIME OR FULL TIME, THAT OCCURS DURING THE SCHOOL
18 YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO FIRST GRADE.

19 "LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOL." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2002-B OF THE
20 PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

21 "NONPUBLIC SCHOOL." A NONPROFIT SCHOOL, OTHER THAN A PUBLIC
22 SCHOOL, LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH WHERE A RESIDENT OF THIS
23 COMMONWEALTH MAY LEGALLY FULFILL THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
24 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBARTICLE.

25 "PARENT." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS
26 COMMONWEALTH AND:

27 (1) HAS LEGAL CUSTODY OR GUARDIANSHIP OF AN ELIGIBLE
28 STUDENT; OR

29 (2) KEEPS IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S HOME AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT
30 AND SUPPORTS THE STUDENT GRATIS AS IF THE STUDENT WERE A

1 LINEAL DESCENDANT OF THE INDIVIDUAL.
2 "PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL." A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
3 OFFERING A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE
4 TWELVE, OR A COMBINATION OF GRADES, THAT NOTIFIES THE STATE
5 TREASURY OF THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL'S DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
6 PROGRAM AND PROVIDES CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE TREASURY THAT
7 THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MEETS THE CRITERIA UNDER SECTION 331.

8 "PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT." A SPENDING ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED
9 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE TREASURY, AND DIRECTED BY A PARENT
10 FOR A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, THAT MAY BE USED FOR TUITION,
11 SCHOOL-RELATED FEES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FEES TO
12 ATTEND A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

13 "PROGRAM." THE PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
14 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 323(A).

15 "PUBLIC SCHOOL." A SCHOOL OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN
16 INTERMEDIATE UNIT, AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, A CHARTER
17 SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL OR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL.

18 "RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT." THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH AN
19 ELIGIBLE STUDENT RESIDES.

20 "SCHOLARSHIP." A SCHOLARSHIP THAT IS AWARDED TO AN ELIGIBLE
21 STUDENT UNDER THE PROGRAM.

22 "SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT." AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT THAT IS AWARDED
23 A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM.

24 "SCHOOL-AGE CHILD." A CHILD ENROLLING IN KINDERGARTEN OR IN
25 GRADE ONE THROUGH GRADE TWELVE.

26 "SCHOOL-RELATED FEE." A FEE CHARGED BY A PARTICIPATING
27 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TO ALL STUDENTS FOR BOOKS, INSTRUCTIONAL
28 MATERIALS, TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, UNIFORMS,
29 ACTIVITIES AND CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS UNDER ARTICLE XVI-
30 B OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

1 "SCHOOL YEAR." A SCHOOL TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 102 OF
2 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

3 "SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FEE." A FEE CHARGED BY A
4 PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
5 FOR A STUDENT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AS AGREED TO BY THE PARENT AND
6 THE PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

7 "STATE TREASURY." THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF THE
8 COMMONWEALTH.

9 "STUDENT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS." A CHILD WHO IS SUBJECT TO AN
10 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER 20 U.S.C. CH. 33
11 (RELATING TO EDUCATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES) AND 22
12 PA. CODE CH. 14 (RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND
13 PROGRAMS).
14 SECTION 323. PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP
15 PROGRAM.

16 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--BEGINNING WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL
17 YEAR, THE PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP
18 PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED AS A PROGRAM IN THE STATE TREASURY TO
19 PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP ELIGIBLE STUDENTS PAY TUITION,
20 SCHOOL-RELATED FEES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FEES FOR
21 ATTENDANCE AT A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL. THE PROGRAM MAY
22 BE REFERRED TO AS THE PASS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

23 (B) NOTICE TO PARENTS.--

24 (1) WITHIN 15 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A NOTICE UNDER SECTION
25 2010-B OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS
26 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A
27 SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL DESIGNATED AS A LOW-
28 ACHIEVING SCHOOL SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENT OF A STUDENT WHO IS
29 ATTENDING OR RESIDING WITHIN THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY OF A
30 LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR OF THE SCHOOL'S

1 DESIGNATION.

2 (2) THE NOTICE SHALL BE IN A FORM PROVIDED BY THE STATE
3 TREASURY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AND SHALL
4 PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROGRAM:

5 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM.

6 (II) INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT
7 APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM.

8 (III) A LIST OF SCHOOLS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT
9 HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOLS.

10 (IV) NOTICE OF THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES
11 REGARDING APPLICATION TO A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
12 IF THE PARENT SEEKS TO ENROLL AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT IN A
13 PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

14 (3) THE NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
15 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

16 (C) NOTICE TO STATE TREASURY.--A SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRED TO
17 SUBMIT A NOTICE TO PARENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) SHALL PROVIDE
18 THE STATE TREASURY WITH A LIST OF STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS WERE
19 PROVIDED THE NOTICE. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL BE MADE IN A MANNER
20 AND FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE TREASURY.

21 SECTION 324. APPLICATION.

22 (A) APPLICATION FORM.--BY MARCH 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURY
23 SHALL DEVELOP AN APPLICATION FORM THAT CAN BE ACCESSED FROM AND
24 SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ON THE STATE TREASURY'S PUBLICLY
25 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

26 (B) APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.--

27 (1) BY APRIL 1, 2024, AND BY APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR
28 THEREAFTER, THE APPLICANT MAY APPLY TO THE STATE TREASURY FOR
29 A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR ACCORDING TO
30 GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE STATE TREASURY UNDER SECTION 329.

1 AN APPLICATION SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE STATE TREASURY IF THE
2 STUDENT MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
3 SUBARTICLE.

4 (1.1) A RENEWAL APPLICATION SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE
5 STATE TREASURY IF THE STUDENT MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY
6 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBARTICLE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE
7 RESIDENCE AND INCOME CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS (3) AND
8 (4) OF THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" IN SECTION 322.

9 (2) BY MAY 1, 2024, AND BY MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR
10 THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURY SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT
11 WHETHER A SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE FOLLOWING
12 SCHOOL YEAR.

13 (3) FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE
14 AWARDED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS CONSIDERING MONEY
15 AVAILABLE IN THE FUND.

16 (4) FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR
17 THEREAFTER, PRIORITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE GIVEN TO PRIOR
18 YEAR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. NEW APPLICANTS SHALL BE AWARDED
19 A SCHOLARSHIP ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS CONSIDERING
20 MONEY AVAILABLE IN THE FUND.

21 (5) UPON NOTIFICATION BY THE STATE TREASURY THAT A
22 SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN AWARDED, THE APPLICANT SHALL APPLY FOR
23 ENROLLMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT DIRECTLY TO THE
24 PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER AN APPLICATION PROCEDURE
25 DEVELOPED BY THE PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

26 (6) BY JUNE 1, 2024, AND BY JUNE 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,
27 A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN
28 CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE TREASURY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
29 WHO HAVE ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF ENROLLMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING
30 SCHOOL YEAR AND PROVIDE THE STATE TREASURY WITH THE AMOUNTS

1 TO BE CHARGED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR TUITION,
2 SCHOOL-RELATED FEES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FEES. THE
3 NOTIFICATION SHALL BE MADE IN A MANNER AND FORM ESTABLISHED
4 BY THE STATE TREASURY.

5 (7) THE STATE TREASURY MAY ESTABLISH A WAITING LIST FOR
6 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WITH APPROVED APPLICATIONS AND WHO DID NOT
7 RECEIVE AWARDS DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF MONEY IN THE FUND AND,
8 IF, AFTER JULY 1, 2024, AND BY JULY 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,
9 ADDITIONAL MONEY IS AVAILABLE IN THE FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIPS,
10 MAY AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ON A FIRST-
11 COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

12 SECTION 325. AGREEMENT.

13 (A) AUTHORIZATION.--UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN CONFIRMATION
14 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HAS ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF
15 ENROLLMENT UNDER SECTION 324, THE STATE TREASURY SHALL ENTER
16 INTO OR RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH THE APPLICANT. THE AGREEMENT
17 SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

18 (1) THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL ENROLL IN A
19 PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH
20 THE AGREEMENT APPLIES.

21 (2) A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A
22 PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT UNDER SECTION 326 ON BEHALF OF THE
23 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.

24 (3) THE MONEY IN THE PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT MAY BE
25 EXPENDED ONLY AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBARTICLE.

26 (4) THE PARENT SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE TREASURY IF THE
27 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT NO LONGER RESIDES IN THIS COMMONWEALTH
28 OR WITHDRAWS OR IS FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PARTICIPATING
29 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE CHANGE OF RESIDENCY OR
30 WITHDRAWAL.

1 (B) TERM OF AGREEMENT.--EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER
2 THIS SUBARTICLE, AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SUBSECTION (A)
3 SHALL BE VALID FOR ONE SCHOOL YEAR.

4 (C) TERMINATION.--

5 (1) AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SUBSECTION (A) MAY
6 BE TERMINATED EARLY BY THE PARENT FOR ANY REASON.

7 (2) AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL
8 BE TERMINATED BY THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE FOLLOWING
9 REASONS:

10 (I) THE PARENT IS FOUND TO HAVE ENGAGED IN
11 FRAUDULENT MISUSE OF THE PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT. IN
12 SUCH CASE, THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL BE INELIGIBLE
13 FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. THE PARENT MAY
14 APPEAL THE STATE TREASURY'S DECISION REGARDING
15 TERMINATION AND STUDENT ELIGIBILITY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF
16 ISSUANCE OF THE DECISION. THE APPEAL SHALL BE GOVERNED BY
17 2 PA.C.S. CHS. 1 (RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS), 5
18 (RELATING TO PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE) AND 7 (RELATING TO
19 JUDICIAL REVIEW).

20 (II) THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT NO LONGER RESIDES IN
21 THIS COMMONWEALTH.

22 (III) THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WITHDRAWS OR IS
23 FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
24 PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

25 (3) IF AN AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED EARLY UNDER THIS
26 SUBSECTION, THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

27 (I) ALL AVAILABLE MONEY IN THE PASS SCHOLARSHIP
28 ACCOUNT SHALL REVERT TO THE FUND.

29 (II) THE PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL REPAY
30 TO THE STATE TREASURY FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND THE FULL

1 AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT, REDUCED ON A PRO RATA
2 BASIS BY THE TUITION, SCHOOL RELATED FEES AND SPECIAL
3 EDUCATION SERVICES FEES OWED FOR THE PORTION OF THE
4 SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WAS
5 ENROLLED.

6 (III) THE PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT
7 REQUIRE A PARENT TO REIMBURSE THE PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC
8 SCHOOL FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RETURNED TO THE
9 STATE TREASURY.

10 (D) RENEWAL.--AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SUBSECTION (A)
11 MAY BE RENEWED FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE SAME STUDENT.

12 (E) MULTIPLE AGREEMENTS.--A PARENT MAY ENTER INTO SEPARATE
13 AGREEMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) FOR EACH CHILD OF THE PARENT WHO
14 IS A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.

15 (F) EXPLANATION.--UPON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER
16 SUBSECTION (A) OR RENEWING AN AGREEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (D),
17 THE STATE TREASURY SHALL PROVIDE THE PARENT WITH A WRITTEN
18 EXPLANATION OF THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE MONEY IN THE PASS
19 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT AND, A NOTICE THAT STUDENTS WITH
20 DISABILITIES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM ARE "PARENTALLY
21 PLACED PRIVATE SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES" UNDER 20
22 U.S.C. § 1412 (RELATING TO STATE ELIGIBILITY) AND AN EXPLANATION
23 OF THE RIGHTS OF PARENTALLY PLACED PRIVATE SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER
24 20 U.S.C. CH. 33 (RELATING TO EDUCATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
25 DISABILITIES) ("INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT")
26 AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE LAW AND REGULATION.

27 SECTION 326. PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP
28 ACCOUNT.

29 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--IF AN AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO UNDER
30 SECTION 325(A), THE STATE TREASURY SHALL ESTABLISH A

1 PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FOR
2 THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. THE PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT SHALL BE
3 ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
4 SUBARTICLE.

5 (B) DEPOSIT.--

6 (1) UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF A PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT,
7 THE STATE TREASURY SHALL DEPOSIT A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE
8 APPLICABLE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FOR
9 THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

10 (2) FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, THE SUM SHALL BE AS
11 FOLLOWS:

12 (I) FOR A STUDENT IN HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN, \$2,500;

13 (II) FOR A STUDENT IN FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN THROUGH
14 GRADE EIGHT, \$5,000;

15 (III) FOR A STUDENT IN GRADE NINE THROUGH GRADE
16 TWELVE, \$10,000; OR

17 (IV) FOR A STUDENT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REGARDLESS OF
18 GRADE LEVEL, \$15,000.

19 (3) BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EACH
20 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE AMOUNTS IN PARAGRAPH (2) SHALL BE
21 INCREASED BY THE GREATER OF THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE INCREASE
22 IN THE INDEX AS DEFINED IN SECTION 302 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 27,
23 2006 (1ST SP.SESS., P.L.1873, NO.1), KNOWN AS THE TAXPAYER
24 RELIEF ACT, FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE PRIOR SCHOOL
25 YEAR AND THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE APPROPRIATION FOR
26 BASIC EDUCATION FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. THE STATE TREASURY
27 SHALL CALCULATE THE INCREASES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND SHALL
28 SUBMIT A NOTICE OF THE INCREASES TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
29 BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE ISSUE OF THE
30 PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

1 (C) INSTALLMENTS.--THE STATE TREASURY SHALL DEPOSIT THE
2 MONEY FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP INTO A PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT ON A
3 SCHEDULE DETERMINED BY THE STATE TREASURY IN CONSULTATION WITH
4 THE DEPARTMENT.

5 (D) PAYMENTS TO PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.--A PARENT
6 MAY DIRECT PAYMENTS FROM THE PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT TO A
7 PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOLARSHIP
8 RECIPIENT VIA AN ELECTRONIC MONEY TRANSFER SYSTEM OR OTHER
9 METHOD APPROVED BY THE STATE TREASURY UNDER SECTION 329.
10 SECTION 327. QUALIFIED EDUCATION EXPENSES.

11 (A) GENERAL RULE.--MONEY DEPOSITED INTO A PASS SCHOLARSHIP
12 ACCOUNT MAY BE USED ONLY TO PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING QUALIFIED
13 EXPENSES INCURRED BY OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP
14 RECIPIENT:

15 (1) TUITION REQUIRED BY A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC
16 SCHOOL.

17 (2) SCHOOL-RELATED FEES.

18 (3) SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FEES.

19 (B) PROHIBITION.--A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT
20 RECEIVES A PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED EDUCATION EXPENSES AUTHORIZED
21 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) MAY NOT REFUND, REBATE OR OTHERWISE
22 DIRECTLY SHARE ANY PORTION OF THE PAYMENT WITH THE PARENT WHO
23 MADE THE PAYMENT.

24 (C) TAX CONSEQUENCES AND STATUS OF AWARDS.--

25 (1) THE MONEY IN A PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT IS NOT
26 TAXABLE INCOME TO THE PARENT OR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UNDER
27 STATE LAW.

28 (2) AN AWARD MADE TO, OR PAYMENT FROM, A PASS
29 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO BE AN
30 APPROPRIATION OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A PARTICIPATING

1 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

2 SECTION 328. PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP
3 FUND.

4 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT
5 SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE TREASURY.
6 ALL INTEREST AND EARNINGS RECEIVED FROM INVESTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF
7 THE MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE PAID INTO THE FUND AND USED FOR
8 SCHOLARSHIPS. ANY UNEXPENDED MONEY AND INTEREST OR EARNINGS ON
9 THE MONEY IN THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR REVERT TO THE
10 GENERAL FUND BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND.

11 (B) DEPOSITS.--DEPOSITS IN THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF THE
12 FOLLOWING:

13 (1) MONEY THAT IS APPROPRIATED, GIVEN, GRANTED OR
14 DONATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OR
15 PRIVATE AGENCY OR PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE ESTABLISHED UNDER
16 THIS SUBARTICLE.

17 (2) \$100,000,000 TRANSFERRED FROM FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER
18 THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE III OF THE ACT OF MARCH 4, 1971
19 (P.L.6, NO.2), KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM CODE OF 1971. THIS
20 TRANSFER SHALL OCCUR NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2023, AND EACH
21 AUGUST 1 THEREAFTER.

22 (C) CONTINUING APPROPRIATION.--THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS
23 APPROPRIATED ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO THE STATE TREASURY FOR
24 SCHOLARSHIPS.

25 SECTION 329. DUTIES OF STATE TREASURY.

26 (A) GENERAL RULE.--THE STATE TREASURY SHALL:

27 (1) DEVELOP GUIDELINES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
28 DEPARTMENT, AS NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS
29 SUBARTICLE.

30 (2) MAKE PAYMENTS TO PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS AS

1 PROVIDED IN THIS SUBARTICLE.

2 (3) DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT ENABLES A PARENT TO DIRECT
3 PAYMENT TO A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE
4 WITH THIS SUBARTICLE.

5 (4) DEVELOP A PROCESS BY WHICH A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MAY
6 INFORM THE STATE TREASURY OF THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL'S INTEREST
7 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH
8 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBARTICLE.

9 (5) ENSURE THAT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE
10 INFORMED ANNUALLY OF THE PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS IN
11 THE PROGRAM BY POSTING A LIST OF PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC
12 SCHOOLS ON THE STATE TREASURY'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET
13 WEBSITE BY APRIL 1, 2024, AND BY APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR
14 THEREAFTER.

15 (6) AT SUCH TIME AND IN SUCH FORM AND MANNER AS MAY BE
16 DIRECTED BY THE STATE TREASURY, REQUEST AND RECEIVE
17 INFORMATION AND DATA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL, RESIDENT SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT, PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR APPLICANT
19 DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY BY THE STATE TREASURY TO
20 ADMINISTER THIS SUBARTICLE.

21 (B) THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATION.--THE STATE TREASURY MAY
22 CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

23 (C) CONTRACTING.--

24 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF 62 PA.C.S. PT. I
25 (RELATING TO COMMONWEALTH PROCUREMENT CODE), TO THE CONTRARY
26 AND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
27 SUBARTICLE, A CONTRACT MAY BE AWARDED FOR A SUPPLY OR SERVICE
28 WITHOUT COMPETITION IF THE STATE TREASURY DETERMINES IN
29 WRITING THAT THE CONTRACT IS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
30 OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBARTICLE AND IS IN THE BEST

1 INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH. THE STATE TREASURY SHALL
2 PROVIDE AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE A WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION
3 OF ANY PROCUREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

4 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL EXPIRE NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS
5 FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF THE PROCUREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH
6 (1). PROCUREMENTS ISSUED AFTER THIS PERIOD SHALL BE ISSUED AS
7 PROVIDED BY LAW.

8 (D) REGULATIONS.--

9 (1) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF
10 THIS CHAPTER, REGULATIONS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY AND
11 PROMULGATED BY THE STATE TREASURY SHALL BE DEEMED TEMPORARY
12 REGULATIONS AND SHALL EXPIRE NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS
13 FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF TEMPORARY REGULATIONS. THE STATE
14 TREASURY MAY PROMULGATE TEMPORARY REGULATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO:

15 (I) SECTION 612 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929
16 (P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF
17 1929.

18 (II) SECTIONS 201, 202, 203, 204 AND 205 OF THE ACT
19 OF JULY 31, 1968 (P.L.769, NO.240), REFERRED TO AS THE
20 COMMONWEALTH DOCUMENTS LAW.

21 (III) SECTION 204(B) OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 15, 1980
22 (P.L.950, NO.164), KNOWN AS THE COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS
23 ACT.

24 (IV) THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1982 (P.L.633, NO.181),
25 KNOWN AS THE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT.

26 (2) THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED TO THE STATE TREASURY TO
27 ADOPT TEMPORARY REGULATIONS IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL EXPIRE
28 NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE
29 TEMPORARY REGULATIONS. REGULATIONS ADOPTED AFTER THIS PERIOD
30 SHALL BE PROMULGATED AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

1 SECTION 330. DUTIES OF AUDITOR GENERAL.

2 THE AUDITOR GENERAL MAY:

3 (1) CONDUCT A RANDOM AUDIT OF PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS.

4 (2) REFER CASES OF SUSPECTED FRAUDULENT MISUSE OF PASS
5 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR
6 INVESTIGATION. IF THE INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN A FINDING THAT
7 RISES TO THE LEVEL OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, THE INSPECTOR
8 GENERAL SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR PROSECUTION.

10 (3) NOTIFY THE STATE TREASURY OF CASES OF SUSPECTED
11 FRAUDULENT MISUSE THAT ARE REFERRED TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

12 SECTION 331. DUTIES OF PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

13 (A) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.--A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT
14 DESIRES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE
15 TREASURY BY A DATE AND IN A MANNER AND FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE
16 STATE TREASURY. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE CERTIFICATION BY
17 THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT:

18 (1) THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IS A NONPROFIT ENTITY EXEMPT
19 FROM FEDERAL TAXATION UNDER 26 U.S.C. § 501(C)(3) (RELATING
20 TO EXEMPTION FROM TAX ON CORPORATIONS, CERTAIN TRUSTS, ETC.).

21 (2) THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COMPLIES WITH THE
22 NONDISCRIMINATION POLICIES SPECIFIED IN 42 U.S.C. § 1981
23 (RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW).

24 (3) THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
25 SECTIONS 111 AND 111.1 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
26 NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

27 (B) PROHIBITION.--A PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT
28 CHARGE A PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP
29 RECIPIENT A TUITION RATE, STUDENT-RELATED FEES OR SPECIAL
30 EDUCATION SERVICES FEES THAT ARE HIGHER THAN THE RATES THE

1 PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL WOULD HAVE CHARGED TO A STUDENT
2 WHO HAD NOT RECEIVED A PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
3 SCHOLARSHIP.

4 (C) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--

5 (1) EACH PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL REPORT IN
6 A MANNER AND FORM DETERMINED BY THE STATE TREASURY, IN
7 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION REGARDING
8 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN THE PARTICIPATING
9 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AS FOLLOWS:

10 (I) ENROLLMENT AND DISENROLLMENT.

11 (II) REGULAR ATTENDANCE.

12 (III) CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM.

13 (IV) ACADEMIC PROGRESS AS MEASURED BY ADVANCEMENT TO
14 THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL.

15 (V) INDICATION OF GRADUATION.

16 (VI) CONCURRENT OR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE CREDITS.

17 (2) THE STATE TREASURY SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION
18 REGULARLY TO THE DEPARTMENT ON A SCHEDULE AGREED TO BY THE
19 STATE TREASURY AND THE DEPARTMENT.

20 (D) CONSTRUCTION.--

21 (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBARTICLE, A PARTICIPATING
22 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL BE AUTONOMOUS AND IS NOT AN AGENT OF
23 THE STATE TREASURY, THE DEPARTMENT OR THE COMMONWEALTH.

24 (2) NEITHER THE STATE TREASURY, THE DEPARTMENT NOR OTHER
25 STATE AGENCY MAY REGULATE THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF A
26 PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT ACCEPTS MONEY FROM A
27 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT BEYOND WHAT IS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER
28 THE PROGRAM.

29 SECTION 332. BAR OF CERTAIN PARTICIPATING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

30 (A) GENERAL RULE.--THE STATE TREASURY MAY BAR A NONPUBLIC

1 SCHOOL FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IF STATE TREASURY
2 ESTABLISHES THAT THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL HAS:

3 (1) ROUTINELY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
4 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 331; OR

5 (2) FAILED TO PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WITH THE
6 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FUNDED BY THE RECIPIENT'S PASS
7 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT.

8 (B) NOTICE.--IF THE STATE TREASURY BARS A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
9 FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, THE STATE TREASURY SHALL,
10 AFTER ANY APPEAL IS CONCLUDED AND THE STATE TREASURY'S DECISION
11 IS UPHELD UNDER SUBSECTION (C), POST THE DECISION ON THE STATE
12 TREASURY'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

13 (C) APPEAL.--A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MAY APPEAL THE STATE
14 TREASURY'S DECISION TO BAR ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM
15 WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ISSUANCE OF THE DECISION. THE APPEAL SHALL BE
16 GOVERNED BY 2 PA.C.S. CHS. 1 (RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS), 5
17 (RELATING TO PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE) AND 7 (RELATING TO JUDICIAL
18 REVIEW).

19 SECTION 333. DUTIES OF RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

20 A RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE A PARTICIPATING
21 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT HAS ADMITTED A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WITH
22 A COMPLETE COPY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S SCHOOL RECORD
23 WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF NOTICE FROM THE PARTICIPATING
24 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S ENROLLMENT.

25 SECTION 334. REPORT.

26 (A) DUTY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT.--BEGINNING JANUARY 31, 2025,
27 AND EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURY, IN
28 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO
29 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRAM.

30 (B) CONTENTS.--THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1 (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE
2 PROGRAM.

3 (2) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE
4 PROGRAM, BY RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

5 (3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE
6 PROGRAM.

7 (4) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE
8 PROGRAM, BY RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

9 (5) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS
10 TERMINATED EARLY.

11 (6) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PASS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS
12 INVESTIGATED FOR FRAUD BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

13 (7) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO STUDENTS
14 ATTENDING HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN.

15 (8) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO STUDENTS
16 ATTENDING FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE EIGHT.

17 (9) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO STUDENTS
18 ATTENDING GRADE NINE THROUGH GRADE TWELVE.

19 (10) THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.

20 (11) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED DUE
21 TO LACK OF FUNDING.

22 (12) THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.

23 (13) OTHER INFORMATION THE STATE TREASURY DEEMS HELPFUL
24 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

25 SECTION 3. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING AN ARTICLE TO READ:

26 ARTICLE XVII-F.3

27 2023-2024 BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION

28 SUBARTICLE A

29 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

30 SECTION 1701-F.3. APPLICABILITY.

1 EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, THIS ARTICLE
2 APPLIES TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2023 AND ALL OTHER
3 APPROPRIATION ACTS OF 2023.

4 SECTION 1702-F.3. DEFINITIONS.

5 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE
6 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
7 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

8 "GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2023." THE ACT OF _____,
9 2023 (P.L. _____, NO. _____), KNOWN AS THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF
10 2023.

11 SUBARTICLE B

12 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

13 SECTION 1711-F.3. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

14 THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TREASURY
15 DEPARTMENT:

16 (1) FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT
17 OPERATIONS, \$3,700,000 IS ALLOCATED FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA AWARD FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
19 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

20 (2) (RESERVED).

21 SECTION 1712-F.3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

22 THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 HUMAN SERVICES:

24 (1) FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
25 CAPITATION:

26 (I) SUBJECT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL AS MAY BE NECESSARY
27 AND CONTINGENT ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION,
28 SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE INCLUDED TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT
29 FOR GROUND MILEAGE FOR EVERY LOADED MILE AND TO PROVIDE
30 THE GREATER OF MEDICARE RATES PUBLISHED IN THE AMBULANCE

1 FEE SCHEDULE PUBLIC USE FILE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 OR
2 THE CURRENT MEDICAID AMBULANCE FEES AS UPDATED BY MEDICAL
3 ASSISTANCE BULLETIN 26-22-07 EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1,
4 2023, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024.

5 (II) (RESERVED).

6 (2) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED
7 FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FEE-FOR-SERVICE:

8 (I) SUBJECT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL AS MAY BE NECESSARY
9 AND CONTINGENT ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION,
10 SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE INCLUDED TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT
11 FOR GROUND MILEAGE FOR EVERY LOADED MILE AND TO PROVIDE
12 THE GREATER OF MEDICARE RATES PUBLISHED IN THE AMBULANCE
13 FEE SCHEDULE PUBLIC USE FILE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 OR
14 THE CURRENT MEDICAID AMBULANCE FEES AS UPDATED BY MEDICAL
15 ASSISTANCE BULLETIN 26-22-07 EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1,
16 2023, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024.

17 (II) (RESERVED).

18 SECTION 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.