

## Veto No. 1978-12

SB 1416

September 28, 1978

To the Honorable, the Senate  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I return herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 1416, Printer's No. 1787, entitled "An act amending the act of March 28, 1974 (P.L.228, No.50), entitled 'An act providing for the annual announcement of grants by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency; authorizing the continuing appropriation of certain funds; and providing for the manner in which certain appropriations may be revised,' further providing for coordination with Federal financial aid programs."

This bill proposes to roll back from May 1 to March 1 the date on which the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency is authorized to announce the scholarships and educational assistance grants to be awarded for the next succeeding academic year, and, in addition, amends the date on which funds equal to the prior year's appropriation are deemed to be automatically reappropriated for the next succeeding year.

I cannot approve this bill. To do so could mean that my successor, and every future incoming Governor, under the new Commonwealth budget procedures, might find that a sizable appropriation for such grants had already been made for the succeeding fiscal year before or at the same time as the Governor's own initial budget requests to the Legislature. In addition, even in those years in which there is no new incoming Governor, this proposed amendment would further remove the General Assembly's review and analysis of these particular grants from the context of the total budgetary process.

For these reasons, I have withheld my approval from this bill.

MILTON J. SHAPP