
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **611** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. HAYS, WAGNER, SEYLER, SILVERT,
YATRON AND CONFAIR, MAY 3, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 3, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10 1949 (P L 30) entitled "An act relating to the public school system including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools amending revising consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto" providing scholarships and loans to graduates of secondary schools

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Section 1 Section 1612 of the act of March 10 1949 (P L 30)
2 known as the "Public School Code of 1949" is repealed but this repeal
3 shall not in any manner affect any scholarship heretofore granted under
4 said section

5 Section 2 The act is amended by adding after section 1613 two new
6 sections to read

7 Section 1614 Scholarships for Graduates of Secondary Schools (a)
8 Each year the Commonwealth shall provide scholarships for use at any
9 accredited college or university in the United States to graduates of the
10 secondary schools of the Commonwealth who are residents of the Com-
11 monwealth which shall vary in amounts from one hundred dollars (\$100)
12 to one thousand dollars (\$1000) per year and shall be awarded on a
13 competitive basis

14 (b) The number of such scholarships awarded in any one year shall
15 not exceed five per cent (5%) of the total number of persons graduated
16 from the secondary schools of the Commonwealth in the year preceding
17 the year in which the scholarships are awarded

18 (c) Appointments to such scholarships shall be made by the De-
19 partment of Public Instruction Persons entitled to such appointments

1 shall be determined by competitive examinations conducted each year by
2 the Department of Public Instruction in accordance with such policies or
3 standards as are promulgated by the State Council of Education Due
4 notice of any examinations held under this section shall be given in an
5 appropriate manner

6 (d) The amount of the stipend to be granted to a person appointed
7 to a scholarship shall be based on financial need determined in accord-
8 ance with policies and standards promulgated by the State Council of
9 Education The financial need of an applicant shall not be affected by his
10 being the recipient of some other scholarship not awarded by the Com-
11 monwealth

12 (e) Any person awarded a scholarship under this section shall retain
13 the benefits thereof so long as he maintains himself as a student in good
14 standing at an accredited college or university in the United States but
15 not longer than four academic years

16 (f) The Department of Public Instruction subject to any policies
17 or standards promulgated by the State Council of Education shall deter-
18 mine the time and manner in which stipends shall be paid

19 Section 1615 Payment of Low-Interest Student Loans Insured
20 Whenever any graduate of a secondary school of the Commonwealth

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1 who is a resident of the Commonwealth borrows money from any person
2 or lending institution for the purpose of financing his education at an
3 institution of higher learning upon application to and approval by the
4 Department of Public Instruction the Commonwealth shall guarantee
5 the repayment of such loans

6 The Department of Public Instruction in accordance with policies
7 or standards promulgated by the State Council of Education shall issue
8 rules and regulations which shall set forth such terms and conditions as
9 may be necessary or appropriate to insure that the Commonwealth's
10 assumption of any obligation under this section shall be reasonable and
11 only for the purposes intended

12 No application to the Department of Public Instruction for the
13 approval of a loan shall be approved if the Department determines that

14 (1) The loan is not for the purpose of financing the education of
15 the applicant at an accredited college or university in the United States

16 (2) The applicant has not been accepted for admission by or is not
17 a student in good standing at an accredited college or university in the
18 United States

19 (3) The interest charged on the loan is unreasonable

1 (4) The conditions for the repayment of the loan are unreasonable

2 (5) The application for any reason does not conform to the terms

3 and conditions for such loans as set forth in any rule or regulation issued

4 by the Department of Public Instruction in accordance with the author-

5 ity granted in this section

6 The State Council of Education shall classify courses of study and

7 determine with respect thereto the maximum amount of loan which may

8 be insured in any one year for any one person

9 Section 3 This act shall become effective July 1 1962

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor