

No. 169

AN ACT

HB 1691

Amending the act of January 25, 1966 (P.L.1546), entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the administration of this act," reducing certain age requirements and changing certain eligibility provisions.

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

Section 1. Clause (2) of subsection (a) of section 4, act of January 25, 1966 (P.L.1546), entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the administration of this act," is amended to read:

Section 4. (a) Any student is eligible for consideration for a State scholarship providing:

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(2) He meets the **[residency] domicile** requirements as follows:

(i) A student who is under **[twenty-one] eighteen** years of age at the time he makes application for an award or to renew an award must have a supporting parent or guardian who has been a bona fide **[resident] domiciliary** of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of application or renewal.

(ii) A student who is **[twenty-one] eighteen** years of age or over must have been a bona fide **[resident] domiciliary** of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a period of at least twelve months prior to the time he makes application for an award or to renew an award.

(iii) Any period of time during which a person is enrolled as a student in **[a postsecondary] an** educational institution may not be counted as a part of the twelve months' **[residence] domicile** herein required when **[it appears that]** the student came into the Commonwealth **[and] or** remained in the Commonwealth for the **[primary]** purpose of attending a school or college. This shall be determined by the agency.

(iv) For purposes of determining **[residency] domicile** under this act a guardian shall be any person or persons other than a parent with whom a minor child has lived and been in the continuous direct care and control for a period of not less than two years.

(v) The agency shall make the final decision in all matters pertaining to **[residency] domicile**.

(vi) *In view of the fact that Pennsylvania domiciliaries attending approved institutions of higher learning located outside of*

Pennsylvania may exercise their right of franchise by absentee ballot, a student who registers to vote in a state other than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be deemed to have abandoned his domicile in Pennsylvania and shall be ineligible for consideration for a State scholarship or renewal thereof or any further payments thereon unless and until such student registers to vote in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1973.

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 169.

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

Harrisburg, July 3, 1972

I do certify that the above bill, entitled "An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (P.L.1546), entitled 'An act providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the administration of this act,' reducing certain age requirements and changing certain eligibility provisions," was presented to the Governor on the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and was not returned within ten days after it had been presented to him, wherefore it has, agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, become a law in like manner as if he had signed it.



Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth