

No. 1989-53

AN ACT

HB 1302

Amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.553, No.110), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act establishing a program within the Department of Commerce to provide grants to engineering degree-granting schools to assist in the acquisition of new engineering equipment or the upgrading of existing engineering equipment that is necessary to provide students with the courses required to obtain a degree in engineering," further providing for acquisition and upgrading of equipment and for the expiration of the act.

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

Section 1. Sections 3 and 6 of the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.553, No.110), known as the Engineering School Equipment Act, reenacted and amended July 9, 1987 (P.L.211, No.35), are amended to read:

Section 3. Engineering equipment acquisition and upgrade.

(a) Program.—There is established within the department a program to provide grants to engineering degree-granting schools. The program shall be administered by the board. Funds provided through this program shall be used exclusively for the acquisition of new engineering equipment and the upgrading of existing engineering equipment that is necessary to provide students with the courses required to obtain a baccalaureate or graduate engineering degree. The board shall:

(1) Promulgate such policies, develop such forms and institute such procedures as may be necessary to implement this act.

(2) Allocate to each engineering school funds for which it is eligible under this act.

(3) Approve or disapprove any request for expenditures for the purchase or upgrading of equipment.

(4) Require such information and records from each engineering school as it deems necessary.

(5) Request the Department of Education to certify to the board the full-time equivalent enrollment of baccalaureate and graduate engineering students at each engineering school in the most recent year for which data are available.

(b) Allocation of funds.—The funds provided for in this act shall be allocated by the board for grants to the engineering degree-granting schools based on the ratio of full-time equivalent students enrolled in baccalaureate and graduate engineering programs at each school to the total number of full-time equivalent undergraduate and graduate engineering students in the Commonwealth.

(c) Expenditure of funds.—All grants made to engineering degree-granting schools shall be expended only for equipment. No engineering school shall expend any grant funds on equipment unless it also expends funds

obtained from private sources on that equipment. At least \$3 of private funds shall be required for each \$1 of grant funds from this program paid to engineering degree-granting schools from the sum originally appropriated under this act. For grants funded by any subsequent appropriation, at least \$2 of private funds shall be required for each \$1 of grant funds from this program. Grants made under this act shall not be used to supplant existing Federal, State or local funds for the acquisition or upgrading of engineering equipment. As used in this subsection the term "private funds" shall include funds obtained from corporate foundations.

(d) Distribution of unused funds.—Any allocated funds which have not been expended consistent with subsection (c) by June 30, [1986] 1989, shall be available for reallocation by the board.

Section 6. Expiration.

This act shall expire June 30, [1989] 1990.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of July, A. D. 1989.

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