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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1361

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 19; page 2, lines 1
2 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 11, by striking out all of
3 said lines on said pages and inserting

4 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
5 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an
6 article to read:

7 ARTICLE XXII-B

8 READY TO SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP

9 Section 2201-B. Short Title.

10 This article shall be known and may be cited as the Ready to
11 Succeed Scholarship Act.

12 Section 2202-B. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this article
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Agency." The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
17 Agency.

18 "State grant." A grant or scholarship awarded under the act
19 of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the
20 Higher Education Scholarship Law.

21 Section 2203-B. Establishment.

22 The Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program is established
23 within the agency.

24 Section 2204-B. Agency.

25 (a) General rule.--The agency shall use funds appropriated
26 for the purpose of this article from the General Fund, and may
27 accept donations from all public and private sources, including
28 the Federal Government, to provide scholarships to eligible
29 students to defray the cost of attending a State grant-approved
30 institution of higher education that is domiciled and
31 headquartered with its principal location in this Commonwealth.

32 (b) Requirements.--The eligibility criteria developed for
33 the receipt of a scholarship under subsection (a) shall, at a
34 minimum, require all of the following:

35 (1) Total annual household income not to exceed
36 \$110,000. With each new award year, the agency may annually
37 adjust the total annual household income threshold under this

1 paragraph to reflect any upward changes in the Consumer Price
2 Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania,
3 New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area.

4 (2) At least half-time enrollment in an approved course
5 of study.

6 (3) Demonstration of outstanding academic achievement.

7 (4) Compliance with all aspects of the State grant
8 program except financial need.

9 (c) Combination.--A student may be eligible to receive a
10 scholarship under subsection (a) if the scholarship award in
11 combination with a State grant award for the same academic year
12 does not exceed the annually established maximum amount for the
13 Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program as established by the
14 agency.

15 (d) Discretion.--The agency shall make all scholarship
16 awards under subsection (a) in its sole discretion.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.