

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Providing for funding for certain State-related universities for
2 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
3 2026, for costs basis, for frequency of payments and for
4 recordkeeping requirements; imposing a duty on the Auditor
5 General; providing for financial statements, for the
6 Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund and for restrictions;
7 and making appropriations.

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

10 Section 1. Short title.

11 This act shall be known and may be cited as the State-related
12 University Nonpreferred Appropriation Act of 2025.

13 Section 2. Definitions.

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

17 "Auditor General." The Auditor General of the Commonwealth.

18 "Current fiscal year." The fiscal year beginning July 1,
19 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

20 "Department." The Department of Education of the
21 Commonwealth.

1 "Prior fiscal year." The fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
2 and ending June 30, 2025.

3 "Secretary." The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth.

4 "State-related university." The term includes:

5 (1) The Pennsylvania State University.

6 (2) The University of Pittsburgh.

7 (3) Temple University.

8 (4) Lincoln University.

9 Section 3. Cost basis during current fiscal year.

10 Payments made to a State-related university on account of an
11 appropriation under this act shall be made on the basis of costs
12 during the current fiscal year.

13 Section 4. Frequency and basis of payments.

14 (a) Monthly payments.--

15 (1) Payments made under section 10 to a State-related
16 university from an appropriation provided in this act shall
17 be made monthly during the current fiscal year.

18 (2) (Reserved).

19 (b) Estimated costs.--

20 (1) The monthly payments shall be made to a State-
21 related university under section 3 on the basis of estimated
22 costs. The estimate of costs shall be submitted by the State-
23 related university to the secretary, the General Assembly and
24 the State Treasurer not later than 30 days prior to the date
25 on which the payment is to be made.

26 (2) (Reserved).

27 Section 5. Purposes of expenditures and statement of
28 expenditures and costs.

29 (a) Duties of State-related universities.--

30 (1) A State-related university shall apply the money

1 appropriated by this act only for such purposes as are
2 permitted in this act and shall at all times maintain proper
3 records showing the application of the money.

4 (2) Not later than 120 days after the close of the
5 current fiscal year, the State-related university shall file,
6 with the secretary, the General Assembly and the Auditor
7 General, a statement that specifies the amounts and purposes
8 of all expenditures made from money appropriated by this act
9 and other university accounts during the current fiscal year,
10 as provided in section 3, used as a basis for receipt of an
11 appropriation during the current fiscal year.

12 (b) Duties of Auditor General.--The statement of
13 expenditures and costs shall be reviewed by the Auditor General.
14 The Auditor General may, with respect to the money appropriated
15 by this act, audit and disallow expenditures made for purposes
16 not permitted by this act, recover the sums from the State-
17 related university and transmit the recovered sums to the State
18 Treasurer. In respect to expenditures made by the State-related
19 university from money other than that appropriated by this act,
20 the Auditor General may review only, and shall file annually
21 with the General Assembly, information concerning those
22 expenditures as the General Assembly or any of its committees
23 may require.

24 Section 6. Duty to provide information.

25 A State-related university shall provide full, complete and
26 accurate information as may be required by the department or the
27 chairperson or minority chairperson of the Appropriations
28 Committee of the Senate or the chairperson or minority
29 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of
30 Representatives.

1 Section 7. Financial statements.

2 A State-related university shall present and report its
3 financial statements required under this act in accordance with:

4 (1) The generally accepted accounting principles as
5 prescribed by the National Association of College and
6 University Business Officers, the American Institute of
7 Certified Public Accountants, or their successors, or by any
8 other recognized authoritative body.

9 (2) The "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Budget
10 Instructions for the State System of Higher Education, State-
11 Related Universities and Non-State-Related Colleges and
12 Universities."

13 (3) The financial reporting policies and standards
14 promulgated by the Federal Government and by the Commonwealth
15 that apply to the State-related university.

16 Section 8. Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

17 The money of the restricted account within the Agricultural
18 College Land Scrip Fund is hereby appropriated for the current
19 fiscal year, in accordance with the act of April 9, 1929
20 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, establishing the
21 restricted account.

22 Section 9. Restrictions, limitations and conditions on use of
23 appropriations.

24 The following restrictions and limitations apply:

25 (1) Money appropriated by this act to the University of
26 Pittsburgh may not be used for costs of personnel and
27 operations of an environmental law clinic.

28 (2) Money appropriated by this act to the University of
29 Pittsburgh shall only be used for costs directly related to
30 the provision of instruction for graduate and undergraduate

students and costs incurred in providing student-related services and community outreach services consistent with the existing laws of this Commonwealth.

Section 10. Appropriations.

(a) Current fiscal year.--The following sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to the boards of trustees of the respective State-related universities for the current fiscal year, for the purposes and in the amounts as follows:

(1) To The Pennsylvania State University, for general support.

State appropriation.....242,096,000

(2) To The Pennsylvania State University, for the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

State appropriation.....35,670,000

(3) To the University of Pittsburgh, for general support.

State appropriation.....151,507,000

(4) To the University of Pittsburgh, for rural education outreach.

State appropriation.....3,791,000

(5) To Temple University, for general support.

State appropriation.....158,206,000

(6) To Lincoln University, for general support.

State appropriation.....21,890,000

(b) (Reserved).

Section 11. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.