THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2476 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY O'MARA, CEPHAS, HILL-EVANS, PROBST, MAYES, SCHLOSSBERG, HANBIDGE, HOHENSTEIN, SIEGEL, CURRY, OTTEN, SHUSTERMAN, GIRAL, KHAN, CIRESI, DELLOSO, SANCHEZ, GALLAGHER, BOYD, HOWARD, D. WILLIAMS AND DALEY, JULY 2, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JULY 2, 2024

AN ACT

| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 | Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties," in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income. |
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| 12 | The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania |
| 13 | hereby enacts as follows: |
| 14 | Section 1. Section 303 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, |
| 15 | No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by |
| 16 | adding a subsection to read: |
| 17 | Section 303. Classes of Income* * * |
| 18 | (a.11) The following apply: |
| 19 | (1) The following shall not be subject to tax under this |
| 20 | article: |
| 21 | (i) The discharge of an eligible student lean under a |

- 1 qualified loan forgiveness program.
- 2 (ii) Amounts paid or incurred by an employer of an employe
- 3 <u>for educational assistance provided to an employe that are</u>
- 4 <u>excludable under section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code of</u>
- 5 1986, as amended.
- 6 (2) For the purposes of this subsection:
- 7 (i) "Eligible student loan" shall mean a student loan issued
- 8 pursuant to 20 U.S.C. Ch. 28 Subch. IV (relating to student
- 9 <u>assistance</u>), as amended.
- 10 (ii) "Qualified loan forgiveness program" means a loan
- 11 forgiveness program established under 34 CFR Subt. B Ch. VI
- 12 (relating to Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of
- 13 <u>Education</u>), as amended.
- 14 * * *
- 15 Section 2. The addition of section 303(a.11) of the act
- 16 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.
- 17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.