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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, MADDEN, SMITH-WADE-EL, HILL-EVANS,  
SANCHEZ, GUENST AND CERRATO, MARCH 10, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 10, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in the State System of Higher  
6 Education, providing for free tuition for school board  
7 members.

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 2022-A. Free Tuition for School Board Members.--(a)  
14 Individuals who serve as school board members shall be eligible  
15 to enroll in eligible courses.

16 (b) The board shall:

17 (1) Identify and review courses offered within the system  
18 that could be deemed eligible courses.

19 (2) Develop a list of eligible courses.

20 (3) Update the list of eligible courses every three (3)

1 years.

2 (c) Each institution shall annually report the following to  
3 the board:

4 (1) The number of school board members taking eligible  
5 courses at the institution.

6 (2) The total number of eligible courses in which each  
7 school board member is enrolled at the institution during each  
8 academic year.

9 (d) Beginning June 1, 2024, and each June 1 thereafter, the  
10 board shall notify the General Assembly of the total number of  
11 eligible courses taken by school board members.

12 (e) No later than June 30, 2024, and each June 30  
13 thereafter, the General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient  
14 money to reimburse the system for each eligible course taken by  
15 a school board member. The reimbursement money shall be  
16 distributed to each institution at which a school board member  
17 enrolled in an eligible course to cover the charges for tuition  
18 that were waived for the eligible course.

19 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
20 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
21 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

22 "Eligible course" shall mean a course offered by an  
23 institution that is approved by the board to be provided at no  
24 charge for tuition for a school board member and that has a  
25 connection to the role and responsibilities of a school board  
26 member.

27 "School board member" shall mean an individual who serves on  
28 a school board of directors for a school entity located in this  
29 Commonwealth.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.