

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 612 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY HARRIS, MAY 2, 2023

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 22, 2023

AN ACT

1 Providing for funding for State-related universities for the
2 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024,
3 for costs basis, for frequency of payments and for
4 recordkeeping requirements; imposing a duty on the Auditor
5 General; providing for financial statements and for the
6 Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund; and making
7 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 2023.

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 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

20 "Department." The Department of Education of the

1 Commonwealth.

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

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

4 (1) The Pennsylvania State University.

5 (2) The University of Pittsburgh.

6 (3) Temple University.

7 (4) Lincoln University.

8 Section 3. Cost basis during current fiscal year.

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

12 Section 4. Frequency and basis of payments.

13 (a) Monthly payments.--Payments made to a State-related
14 university from an appropriation provided in this act shall be
15 made monthly during the current fiscal year.

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

22 Section 5. Purposes of expenditures and statement of
23 expenditures and costs.

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

25 (1) A State-related university shall apply the money
26 appropriated by this act only for such purposes as are
27 permitted in this act and shall at all times maintain proper
28 records showing the application of the money.

29 (2) Not later than 120 days after the close of the
30 current fiscal year, the State-related university shall file,

1 with the secretary, the General Assembly and the Auditor
2 General, a statement that specifies the amounts and purposes
3 of all expenditures made from money appropriated by this act
4 and other university accounts during the current fiscal year,
5 as provided in section 3, used as a basis for receipt of an
6 appropriation during the current fiscal year.

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

19 Section 6. Duty to provide information.

20 A State-related university shall provide full, complete and
21 accurate information as may be required by the department or the
22 chairperson or minority chairperson of the Appropriations
23 Committee of the Senate or the chairperson or minority
24 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of
25 Representatives.

26 Section 7. Financial statements.

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

29 (1) the generally accepted accounting principles as
30 prescribed by the National Association of College and

1 University Business Officers, the American Institute of
2 Certified Public Accountants, or their successors, or by any
3 other recognized authoritative body;

4 (2) the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Budget
5 Instructions for the State System of Higher Education, State-
6 Related Universities and Non-State-Related Colleges and
7 Universities"; and

8 (3) the financial reporting policies and standards
9 promulgated by the Federal Government and by the Commonwealth
10 that apply to the State-related university.

11 Section 8. Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

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

17 Section 9. ~~(Reserved)~~. RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON USE OF <--
18 APPROPRIATIONS.

19 THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLY:

20 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THIS ACT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
21 PITTSBURGH MAY NOT BE USED FOR COSTS OF PERSONNEL AND
22 OPERATIONS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC.

23 (2) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES
24 UNDER SECTION 10 SHALL ONLY BE USED FOR COSTS DIRECTLY
25 RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF INSTRUCTION FOR GRADUATE AND
26 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING
27 STUDENT-RELATED SERVICES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES,
28 CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

29 Section 10. Appropriations.

30 The following sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary,

1 are hereby appropriated to the boards of trustees of the
2 respective State-related universities for the current fiscal
3 year, for the purposes and in the amounts as follows:

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

6 State appropriation.....\$259,285,000

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

9 State appropriation.....\$28,634,000

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

12 State appropriation.....\$162,264,000

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

15 State appropriation.....\$3,584,000

16 (5) To Temple University, for general support.

17 State appropriation.....\$169,439,000

18 (6) To Lincoln University, for general support.

19 ~~State appropriation.....\$16,243,000 <--~~

20 STATE APPROPRIATION.....\$19,000,000 <--

21 Section 11. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect immediately.