

No. 50

AN ACT

SB 573

Providing for the annual announcement of grants by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency; authorizing the continuing appropriation of certain funds; and providing for the manner in which certain appropriations may be revised.

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

Section 1. In order to encourage needy students to make timely application for enrollment in postsecondary educational programs, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency annually, on the first day of May, shall have the authority to announce the scholarships and educational assistance grants to be awarded by the agency for the next succeeding academic year pursuant to the provisions of the act of January 25, 1966 (P.L.1546, No.541), entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the administration of this act," and the act of October 11, 1972 (P.L.909, No.216), known as the "Veterans' Education Act of 1971," and the act of October 11, 1972 (P.L.899, No.213), entitled "An act providing scholarships for certain dependents of members of the armed services who while on active duty are taken as prisoners of war or are reported missing in action and making an appropriation," not to exceed the amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year.

Section 2. In order to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this act, any appropriation effective during any fiscal year providing moneys to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency for scholarship grants shall, if the General Assembly does not provide by law prior to May 1 of the same fiscal year, to increase, lower or terminate the appropriation, be deemed to be reenacted for the ensuing fiscal year in the same amount and for the same purpose as provided in such appropriation: Provided, however, That the reenacted appropriation shall not be effective until the first day of the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 3. Nothing in section 2 of this act shall be construed to prevent the General Assembly from enacting increased appropriations for the State scholarship program at any time whatsoever.

Section 4. If the General Assembly at any time hereafter shall enact legislation to reduce appropriations for scholarship grants prior to the first day of May such enactment shall be applicable to the next succeeding academic year. Should such enactment be made after the

first of May, the provisions thereof shall be applicable to the academic year following the next succeeding academic year.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of March, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 50.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.