

No. 2012-29

AN ACT

SB 560

Establishing the State Military College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program.

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

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the State Military College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program Act.

Section 2. Definitions.

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

"Committee." A State military college selection committee.

"ECP." The Early Commissioning Program of the United States Army.

"ROTC." Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

"State military college." A coeducational, postsecondary, two-year institution, a part of which is located in a county of the third class, whose mission is to educate students in both an academic and military environment.

Section 3. The State Military College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program.

(a) Establishment.—The State Military College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program is established within the General Assembly.

(b) State military college selection committee.—Each member of the General Assembly may establish a State military college selection committee. The committee shall serve the legislative district of the member. The State Ethics Commission shall develop guidelines to govern the establishment and functions of committees to help ensure that the committees and the legislative appointments do not create any conflicts of interest or otherwise violate 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure) or the act of July 10, 1968 (P.L.316, No.154), known as the Legislative Code of Ethics.

(c) Appointments.—Each member of the General Assembly may annually appoint an eligible student who is a resident of the member's legislative district for guaranteed initial enrollment in a State military college. Appointments must be made at the sole recommendation of a State military college selection committee. A State military college shall offer initial enrollment to any eligible student appointed under this act.

(d) Educational funding.—Nothing in this act shall be construed to establish a scholarship granted or funded by the Commonwealth.

(e) Eligibility.—An individual may be recommended by a committee for appointment if the individual meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Graduation from high school or earning a general educational development diploma or the equivalent thereof.

(2) Maintenance of domicile within this Commonwealth during the term of the appointment.

(3) Compliance with any conditions placed upon the appointee by a State military college, including all ECP admission requirements and requirements deemed necessary to successfully matriculate at a State military college.

(f) Application.—A student shall apply to a committee for a recommendation for appointment in a manner prescribed by the committee, to include the provision of all information and documentation required by the committee.

(g) Termination.—If a student terminates enrollment in a State military college during an academic year or prior to completing the two-year program, the State military college shall notify the appointing legislator in writing.

(h) Annual report.—Any member of the General Assembly who establishes a committee under subsection (b) shall file an annual report with the State Ethics Commission that shall include the name of each member of the selection committee for that year, the names and addresses of applicants for appointment and the name of the applicant who is appointed after final selection.

Section 4. Expiration.

This act shall expire June 30, 2016, unless reenacted sooner.

Section 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of April, A.D. 2012

TOM CORBETT