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AN ACT

1 Requiring institutions of higher education to provide students
2 with education loan disclosures; and conferring powers and
3 imposing duties on the Department of Education.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Education
8 Loan Disclosure Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Education loan." A direct loan or loan insured or
14 guaranteed under a Federal or State program or a program of
15 private insurance that is made to assist a student in obtaining
16 a degree from an institution of higher education.

17 "Institution of higher education." An approved or eligible
18 institution of higher education under the act of August 7, 1963

1 (P.L.549, No.290), referred to as the Pennsylvania Higher
2 Education Assistance Agency Act.

3 Section 3. Education loan disclosure.

4 (a) Disclosure requirements.--An institution of higher
5 education that receives education loan information for a student
6 enrolled in the institution of higher education shall provide
7 the following information to the student:

8 (1) An estimate of the total amount of education loans
9 taken out by the student.

10 (2) An estimate, which may include a statement that the
11 estimates and ranges provided are general in nature and not
12 meant as a guarantee or promise of the actual projected
13 amount, of the following:

14 (i) The potential total payoff amount of the
15 education loans incurred or a range of the total payoff
16 amount.

17 (ii) Monthly repayment amounts that a similarly
18 situated borrower may incur, including principal and
19 interest, for the amount of loans the student has taken
20 out at the time the information is provided.

21 (b) Annual disclosure.--An institution of higher education
22 shall provide the information required under this section
23 annually beginning in 2017.

24 (c) Method.--An institution of higher education shall
25 provide the disclosure to students through first class mail or
26 electronic mail.

27 (d) Administration.--The Department of Education shall
28 administer and enforce the provisions of this act.

29 (e) Nonliability.--An institution of higher education shall
30 not incur liability for any representations made under this

1 section.

2 Section 4. Effective date.

3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.