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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 311 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, MARCH 28, 2023

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REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 28, 2023

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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  
21 Commonwealth.

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

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

3 (1) The Pennsylvania State University.

4 (2) The University of Pittsburgh.

5 (3) Temple University.

6 (4) Lincoln University.

7 Section 3. Cost basis during current fiscal year.

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

11 Section 4. Frequency and basis of payments.

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

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

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

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

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

28 (2) Not later than 120 days after the close of the  
29 current fiscal year, the State-related university shall file,  
30 with the secretary, the General Assembly and the Auditor

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

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

18 Section 6. Duty to provide information.

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

25 Section 7. Financial statements.

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

28 (1) the generally accepted accounting principles as  
29 prescribed by the National Association of College and  
30 University Business Officers, the American Institute of

1 Certified Public Accountants, or their successors, or by any  
2 other recognized authoritative body;

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

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

10 Section 8. Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

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

16 Section 9. (Reserved).

17 Section 10. Appropriations.

18 The following sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary,  
19 are hereby appropriated to the boards of trustees of the  
20 respective State-related universities for the current fiscal  
21 year, for the purposes and in the amounts as follows:

22 (1) To The Pennsylvania State University, for general  
23 support.

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

25 (2) To The Pennsylvania State University, for the  
26 Pennsylvania College of Technology.

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

28 (3) To the University of Pittsburgh, for general  
29 support.

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

1           (4) To the University of Pittsburgh, for rural education  
2 outreach.

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

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

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

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

7           State appropriation.....\$16,243,000

8 Section 11. Effective date.

9           This act shall take effect immediately.