

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY SCIALABBA, KAUFFMAN, M. MACKENZIE, JAMES, BERNSTINE AND ZIMMERMAN, JANUARY 22, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 22, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
 2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
 3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
 4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
 5 laws relating thereto," in miscellaneous provisions relating
 6 to institutions of higher education, providing for reporting
 7 of partnerships with foreign nations.

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
 11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
 12 section to read:

13 Section 2005-I. Reporting of partnerships with foreign nations.

14 (a) Duty to report.--A public institution of higher
 15 education that intends to make an expenditure involving the
 16 travel of a student or staff person to a foreign nation for an
 17 academic, cultural or research activity or purpose shall submit
 18 a report to the department one calendar year before the travel.

19 (b) Contents of report.--A report under subsection (a) shall
 20 include the cost, duration, rubric, source of funds, the purpose

1 and the benefit derived for this Commonwealth.

2 (c) Posting of reports.--The department shall post on its
3 publicly accessible Internet website a report received under
4 this section and shall maintain the posting for a period of not
5 less than five years from the date the report is received.

6 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
8 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Department." The Department of Education of the
10 Commonwealth.

11 "Public institution of higher education." Any of the
12 following:

13 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

14 (2) A rural regional college established under Article
15 XIX-G.

16 (3) A university within the State System of Higher
17 Education under Article XX-A.

18 (4) A State-related institution as defined in section
19 2001-C.

20 (5) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

21 (6) The Pennsylvania College of Technology.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.