

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 655 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY SCHWEYER, BURGOS, CIRESI, DRISCOLL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GUENST, ISAACSON, KINKEAD, KIRKLAND, LEE, MALAGARI, MERSKI, PASHINSKI, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, WARREN, WEBSTER AND D. WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

A SUPPLEMENT

1 To the act of May 29, 2020 (P.L. , No.1A), entitled "An act to
 2 provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses
 3 of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the
 4 Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the
 5 fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the
 6 payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close
 7 of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; to provide
 8 appropriations from special funds and accounts to the
 9 Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July
 10 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills
 11 remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June
 12 30, 2020; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds
 13 to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year
 14 July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills
 15 remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June
 16 30, 2020; and to provide for the additional appropriation of
 17 Federal and State funds to the Executive and Judicial
 18 Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30,
 19 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining
 20 unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019,"
 21 adding a Federal appropriation to the Department of Education
 22 for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

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

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

27 Section 101. Short title.

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the COVID-19
2 Emergency Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2020.
3 Section 102. Definitions.

4 The definitions in the act of May 29, 2020 (P.L. , No.1A),
5 known as the General Appropriation Act of 2020, shall apply to
6 this act.

7 Section 103. Abbreviations.

8 (a) General rule.--The abbreviations in the act of May 29,
9 2020 (P.L. , No.1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of
10 2020, shall apply to this act.

11 (b) Special abbreviation.--The following abbreviation when
12 used in this act shall have the meaning given to it in this
13 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "COVID" or "COVID-19." Coronavirus disease 2019, also
15 referred to as 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease.

16 Section 104. Federal appropriation.

17 The sum specified in this act, or as much thereof as may be
18 necessary, is specifically appropriated from the COVID-19
19 Response Restricted Account in the State Treasury to the
20 Department of Education for the purposes specified in this act
21 for the current fiscal year.

22 PART II

23 COVID-19 RESPONSE RESTRICTED ACCOUNT

24 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

25 SUBPART A

26 GENERAL PROVISIONS

27 Section 201. Construction with the General Appropriation Act of
28 2020.

29 The appropriation contained in this part shall be in addition
30 to any appropriation under the act of May 29, 2020 (P.L. ,

1 No.1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2020.

2 SUBPART B

3 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

4 Section 211. Department of Education.

5 The following Federal amount
6 is appropriated from the COVID-
7 19 Response Restricted Account
8 to the Department of Education
9 for the current fiscal year:

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10 (1) "COVID Relief -
11 Community Colleges."

12 Federal appropriation..... 92,000,000

13 PART III

14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15 Section 301. Applicability.

16 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in section
17 301 and subsection (b), the provisions of the act of May 29,
18 2020 (P.L. , No.1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of
19 2020, shall apply to this act.

20 (b) Retroactivity.--This act shall be retroactive to July 1,
21 2020.

22 Section 302. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect immediately.