



Senate Education Committee

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BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 874, Printer's No. 969
Prime Sponsor: Senator Vance

SYNOPSIS:

Senate Bill 874 amends the Public School Code to allow a community college meeting certain criteria to negotiate with its local sponsors the amount to be provided for the community college's annual operating costs and capital expenses.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 874 amends the School Code for a community college that is sponsored by one or more school districts, has an enrollment in excess of 20,000 and consists of more than four campuses that are approved by both the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Middle States Association of College and Schools.

The governing body of a community college meeting the criteria shall negotiate with the local sponsors an amount to provide to the community college for its annual operating costs and annual capital expenses.

This amount shall not exceed an amount at least equal to the community college's annual operating costs less student tuition and the Commonwealth's payment and one-half of the annual capital expenses of the community college.

The local sponsor's appropriation for annual operating costs and annual capital expenses may in part be represented by real or personal property or services made available to the community college. The plan must indicate whether the appropriation will come from general revenues, loan funds, special tax levies or from other sources, including student tuition.

Effective Date: 60 days.

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