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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ROAE, JAMES, REED, McNEILL AND V. BROWN,  
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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 preliminary provisions, providing  
6 for powers and duties of the Secretary of Education.

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

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

12 Section 124. Powers and Duties of the Secretary of  
13 Education.--(a) On behalf of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of  
14 Education shall have the authority and duty to enter into and  
15 administer an interstate reciprocity agreement for the provision  
16 of postsecondary distance education by the following:

17 (1) Institutions of higher education to students in other  
18 states, territories and districts party to such agreement.

19 (2) Postsecondary institutions in other states, territories  
20 or districts that are a party to such agreement to students in

1 this Commonwealth.

2 (b) The Department of Education may charge administrative  
3 fees to institutions of higher education that choose to  
4 participate in the agreement, not to exceed the Department of  
5 Education's additional administrative cost.

6 (c) The Postsecondary Distance Education Interstate  
7 Reciprocity Agreement Restricted Receipts Account is established  
8 as a special restricted receipts account within the General Fund  
9 of the State Treasury, from which the department may draw moneys  
10 for the purpose of agreement expenses, the costs of  
11 administering and implementing the agreement and all other costs  
12 associated with the activities of the department related to  
13 implementation of this section. This account shall consist of  
14 all administrative fees deposited under subsection (b) and State  
15 funds appropriated for use under this section. The restricted  
16 receipts account shall be subject to audit by the Auditor  
17 General.

18 (d) For purposes of this section, "institution of higher  
19 education" shall have the meaning given in section 118.

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