



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 613

PRINTER'S NO. 3479

PRIME SPONSOR: Harris

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$200,000	\$643,772,000

SUMMARY: HB 613 PN 3479 provides funding for the state-related universities (Penn State, Pitt, Temple, and Lincoln), funding for the University of Pennsylvania for the university’s veterinary school and authorizes appropriations of moneys in the restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund to Penn State University. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS & FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation makes a number of appropriations to the Commonwealth’s state-related universities (Penn State, Pitt, Temple, and Lincoln) and the University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, the bill authorizes appropriation of moneys in the restricted account within the Agricultural Land Scrip Fund to Penn State University. Lastly, the bill provides for restrictions.

2024/25 fiscal year appropriations

- Penn State University - General Support - \$242,096,000
- Pennsylvania College of Technology - \$33,971,000
- University of Pittsburgh - General Support - \$151,507,000
- University of Pittsburgh - Rural Education Outreach - \$3,791,000
- Temple University - General Support - \$158,206,000
- Lincoln University - General Support - \$20,848,000
- University of Pennsylvania - Veterinary Activities - \$31,560,000
- University of Pennsylvania - Center for Infectious Diseases - \$1,793,000

2023/24 fiscal year appropriations

- University of Pennsylvania - Veterinary Activities - \$100,000
- University of Pennsylvania - Center for Infectious Diseases - \$100,000

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Appropriation	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	\$ Chng
University of Pennsylvania - Veterinary Activities*	\$ 31,660,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 31,560,000	\$ 31,460,000
University of Pennsylvania - Center for Infectious Disease*	\$ 1,893,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,793,000	\$ 1,693,000
Penn State - General Support	\$ 242,096,000	\$ 242,096,000	\$ 242,096,000	\$ -
Pennsylvania College of Technology	\$ 26,736,000	\$ 29,971,000	\$ 33,971,000	\$ 4,000,000
University of Pittsburgh - General Support	\$ 151,507,000	\$ 151,507,000	\$ 151,507,000	\$ -
University of Pittsburgh - Rural Education Outreach	\$ 3,346,000	\$ 3,346,000	\$ 3,791,000	\$ 445,000
Temple University - General Support	\$ 158,206,000	\$ 158,206,000	\$ 158,206,000	\$ -
Lincoln University - General Support	\$ 15,166,000	\$ 18,401,000	\$ 20,848,000	\$ 2,447,000
TOTAL	\$ 630,610,000	\$ 603,727,000	\$ 643,772,000	\$ 40,045,000

*Legislation appropriates funding for the University of Pennsylvania for the university's veterinary activities for both the 2023/24 and 2024/25 fiscal years, as the General Assembly did not enact appropriations for 2023/24.

Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund

Each year, the General Appropriation Act (GAA) includes a transfer appropriation from the General Fund in the Department of Agriculture's budget to the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund. In 2023/24, the amount appropriated was \$57.7 million. These funds support agriculture research in the College of Agriculture and the county cooperative extension offices, which Penn State runs as the commonwealth's land grant institution.

University of Pittsburg restrictions

Legislation also places restrictions on the use of appropriations by the university:

- Funds may not be used for personnel and operating costs of an environmental law clinic
- Funds shall only be used for costs directly related to providing of instruction for graduate and undergraduate students and costs incurred in providing student related services and community outreach services, consistent with the existing laws of the commonwealth

University of Pennsylvania restrictions

Legislation further requires money appropriated to the University of Pennsylvania to be “conditioned on continuing authority for inclusion on the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania” of four persons who are not elected officials and who are appointed by:

- President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- Minority leader of the Senate
- Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Minority leader of the House of Representatives

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.