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**SENATE BILL: 607**

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## **SUMMARY:**

This bill amends the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act, (Act 16 of 1987), adding the regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh to the list of colleges and universities whose faculty members are eligible to receive grants through the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. Additionally, the bill raises the maximum grant amount the Board can award from \$50,000 to \$60,000; this amount has not been adjusted since the program's inception in 1987. SB 607 changes the number of members of the board that constitutes a quorum from six to a "simple majority" and makes technical changes.

This bill becomes effective in 60 days.

## **SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXISTING LAW:**

The Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act established the Center for Rural Pennsylvania as an agency of the General Assembly and governed by a board of eleven directors. The Center's principal duty is to administer grants to conduct research on matters related to rural conditions. Grants are available to qualified faculty members of the various colleges and university members of the State System of Higher Education and the land grant university (The Pennsylvania State University).