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Zug Introduces Community College Bill

HARRISBURG – Rep. Peter Zug (R-Lebanon) introduced legislation today to help local communities have a voice in overseeing community colleges with campuses within their jurisdiction.

Specifically, Zug has written a bill that will allow community colleges to appoint a trustee from each county where a campus or satellite classroom is located.

“Simply put, this bill will allow for a broader representation of community leadership from each area where a community college has a campus or satellite classroom,” Zug said. “The current law limits a community college to naming trustees from its home area. Now that community colleges are widely using satellite classrooms and campuses over a broader geographic area, we need to adjust the law to allow these colleges to appoint trustees from every area in which they are teaching students.”

Zug noted that the legislation simply gives community college boards the option of naming a trustee from the satellite campus area; they will not be mandated to do so.

“This bill simply gives community colleges the option of having community leaders from every facet of their jurisdiction play a role in board leadership,” Zug said. “I’m hoping that this change will be a positive move for the individual communities and the colleges.”

A long-time education advocate, Zug serves as the Majority Subcommittee Chairman on Education on the House Appropriations Committee.

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