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## **Minister Milloy Introduces Long Awaited Changes to Colleges Collective Bargaining Act**

**TORONTO, ON** - This afternoon, the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, John Milloy, introduced a bill to amend the Colleges Collective Bargaining Act (CCBA), when if adopted by the Legislative Assembly will extend bargaining rights to all part-time workers in Ontario's 24 colleges, including some 5,000 students, says the College Student Alliance (CSA).

"Students are pleased that the McGuinty government is moving forward on our recommendations and the recommendations found in the Whitaker Report," says Jenn Howarth, President of the College Student Alliance. "Students have been waiting for months to see what amendments the government would make as well as whether or not students working part-time on-campus would be included in the part-time support staff bargaining unit."

Since last August when the McGuinty government announced their intention to extend rights to college part-timers, the CSA has been working with the government, stakeholders and students to ensure that the changes made to the CCBA were ultimately beneficial to Ontario's college students. In February, Kevin Whitaker, Chair of the College Relations Commission submitted his report to the government with 17 recommendations of which include rolling students into a bargaining unit with part-time support staff.

"Students are optimistic that these changes will bring about equality, stability and harmony to Ontario's college system and its collective bargaining process," adds Ms. Howarth. "Students are tired of fearing a province-wide strike every time a collective agreement expires."

Today's bill not only will provide part-time workers with the right to organize and collectively bargaining with Ontario's college, but also see the 33 year old legislation becoming more in line with the Ontario Labour Relations Act (OLRA).

"The CSA will be watching this process closely as our concern continues to be the protection of part-time on-campus employment for students as there is the very likelihood that students could lose their jobs due to lack of funding or be forced to choose between the picket line or classes down the road," says Tyler Charlebois, Director of Advocacy.

The College Student Alliance (CSA) is an advocacy and services organization, which has been proudly serving Ontario's college and college/university students since 1975. The CSA currently represents 16 colleges and 23 student councils with over 109,000 full-time student members throughout the province.

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