

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2677 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY GRIECO, LETTERMAN, CIMINI, HASAY AND KUSSE,
SEPTEMBER 27, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 27, 1976

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," further providing for the computation
6 of the "Sparsity Factor".

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

9 Section 1. Clause (17) of section 2501, act of March 10,
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949,"
11 amended November 15, 1972 (P.L.1229, No.273), is amended to
12 read:

13 Section 2501. Definitions.--For the purposes of this article
14 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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16 (17) "Sparsity Factor" shall be assigned for those districts
17 whose population is less than fifty (50) per square mile as
18 determined by the Secretary of Education from the most recent
19 records of the United States Census Bureau. The basis for the
20 computation of the sparsity factor shall be the total land area

1 within the boundaries of a particular school district. Such
2 total land area shall include taxable lands, lands not subject
3 to taxation and lands for which payments are made in lieu of
4 taxes. A school district qualifying under the sparsity factor
5 shall be paid by the Commonwealth on account of excess
6 expenditures per weighted average daily membership, not to
7 exceed for the school year 1966-1967 one hundred dollars (\$100),
8 for the school year 1967-1968 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150),
9 for the school year 1968-1969 two hundred dollars (\$200), for
10 the school year 1969-1970 and each school year thereafter two
11 hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in excess of four hundred dollars
12 (\$400), an amount to be determined by multiplying the excess
13 expenditures by the aid ratio or by three hundred seventy-five
14 thousandths (.375), whichever is greater and by the number of
15 weighted pupils, such amount to be in addition to any other
16 payment for such pupils: Provided, however, a school district
17 qualifying under the sparsity factor may, in lieu of the above
18 payment, elect for any school year to be paid and the
19 Commonwealth shall pay on account of excess expenditures per
20 weighted average daily membership in excess of four hundred
21 dollars (\$400) a sum of thirty dollars (\$30) per weighted
22 average daily membership, such amount to be in addition to any
23 other payments for such pupils.

24 Any school district assigned sparsity factor for any school
25 year prior to 1969-1970 or for any subsequent school year and
26 any reorganized or merged school district comprised of one or
27 more component school districts any of which had been assigned
28 sparsity factor for any school year prior to 1969-1970 or any
29 subsequent school year which for any school year thereafter is
30 determined by the Secretary of Education to have a population of

1 fifty (50) per square mile or more shall, for the school year
2 1970-1971 and each school year thereafter, qualify for a
3 modified sparsity payment which shall be the ratio of its
4 population per square mile to fifty (50) subtracted from 2.00
5 and multiplied by the amount to which it would have been
6 entitled had its population per square mile been less than fifty
7 (50).

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall
9 be applicable to the 1976-1977 school year and every school year
10 thereafter.