

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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," providing for an aid ratio guarantee.

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

8 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
9 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
10 section to read:

11 Section 2509.13. Aid Ratio Guarantee.--During the 2007-2008
12 school year and each school year thereafter, the Commonwealth
13 shall pay to each school district the greater of:

14 (a) the Commonwealth payments to the school district
15 pursuant to section 2509.5 during the prior school year;

16 (b) the amount due the school district under section 2509.5;
17 or

18 (c) the product of:

1 (1) the district's market value/personal income aid ratio
2 reported by the Department of Education for the current school
3 year or five thousand ten thousandths (.5000), whichever is
4 greater; and

5 (2) the district's expenditures on special education
6 programs in the school year three (3) years before the year for
7 which these payments are to be made. For the calculation under
8 this subsection, a district's expenditures on special education
9 programs shall be:

10 (i) For each school district belonging to an intermediate
11 unit, the boundary of which is not coterminous with that of the
12 district, the amount reported for function code 1200-000 on its
13 annual financial report as certified by the Department of
14 Education on the date the Commonwealth's budget is enacted for
15 that school year.

16 (ii) For each school district belonging to an intermediate
17 unit, the boundary of which is coterminous with that of the
18 district, the amount reported by the intermediate unit as the
19 total available for instruction on its final expenditure report
20 for special education programs as certified by the Department of
21 Education on the date the Commonwealth's budget is enacted for
22 that school year.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.