THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DALLY, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, FREEMAN, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, M. KELLER, KILLION, LONGIETTI, METZGAR, MOUL, MURT, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 16, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 16, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873 ,
2   No.1), entitled "An act providing for taxation by school
3   districts, for the State funds formula, for tax relief in
4   first class cities, for school district choice and voter
5   participation, for other school district options and for a
6   task force on school cost reduction; making an appropriation;
7   prohibiting prior authorized taxation; providing for
8   installment payment of taxes; restricting the power of
9   certain school districts to levy, assess and collect taxes;
10   and making related repeals," further providing for public
11   referendum requirements for increasing certain taxes.

12   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

13 hereby enacts as follows:

14   Section 1. Section 333(f)(2) of the act of June 27, 2006

15 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873 , No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief

16 Act, is amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

17 Section 333. Public referendum requirements for increasing

18   certain taxes.

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20   (f) Referendum exceptions.--A school district may, without

21 seeking voter approval under subsection (c), increase the rate

1   of a tax levied for the support of the public schools by more

2   than the index if all of the following apply:

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4   (2) The revenue generated by increasing the rate of a

5   tax by more than the index will be used to pay for any of the

6   following:

7   * * *

8   (x) Costs related to an increase in the district's

9   portion of the maintenance of a community college

10   established under Article XIX-A of the Public School Code

11   of 1949 to which the school district is a local sponsor.

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