

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1521 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY KIRKLAND, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

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," in reimbursements by Commonwealth and
 6 between school districts, further providing for discretionary
 7 funds to assist school districts experiencing extreme
 8 financial difficulty.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 2502.27 of the act of March 10, 1949
 12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
 13 amended by adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 2502.27. Discretionary Funds to Assist School
 15 Districts Experiencing Extreme Financial Difficulty.--* * *

16 (d) A sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall
 17 be appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
 18 Education for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for payments to school
 19 districts located in a county of the second class A that have
 20 been declared distressed pursuant to Article VI-A. The Secretary
 21 of Education shall establish guidelines for the following:

1 (1) School districts' applications for the funds.

2 (2) Department approval of applications for funds.

3 (3) Department distribution of funds.

4 (4) School districts' expenditure of the funds.

5 The Secretary of Education shall report to the General Assembly
6 on such expenditures.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.