

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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HUTCHINSON AND ALLOWAY, MAY 29, 2015

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MAY 29, 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, establishing the Emergency Basic  
7 Education Subsidy Fund; and providing for basic education  
8 subsidy continuation funding.

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

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

14 Section 2599.6. Emergency Basic Education Subsidy Fund.--(a)  
15 The Emergency Basic Education Subsidy Fund is established as a  
16 separate fund in the State Treasury. The money of the fund is  
17 appropriated on a continuing basis to carry out the provisions  
18 of this section.

19 (b) If legislation providing an appropriation for the basic  
20 education subsidy is not enacted by August 15, the State

Treasurer shall periodically transfer unappropriated,  
unrestricted General Fund money, to the extent that the funds  
are available, to the Emergency Basic Education Subsidy Fund.  
The transfers shall be up to the dollar amounts and at the times  
as necessary to meet the requirements of section 2517(c).

(c) If the Governor fails to certify revenue estimates under  
section 618 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
as "The Administrative Code of 1929," for the current fiscal  
year the Secretary of Revenue shall certify to the State  
Treasurer each time a transfer is needed under subsection (a)  
that there is adequate unappropriated, unrestricted General Fund  
money to make the transfer.

(d) (1) The Secretary of Education shall draw a warrant on  
the State Treasurer in favor of each district for the amount to  
which the district is entitled, to meet each basic education  
subsidy payment to the school districts pursuant to the payment  
schedule under section 2517(c).

(2) Payments made to each school district shall be in the  
same amount as provided in the previous year.

(e) Transfers provided under this section shall only be in  
effect during the time in which no basic education subsidy  
appropriation has been enacted and shall be made only in the  
amount necessary to meet each basic education subsidy payment to  
the school districts pursuant to the payment schedule under  
section 2517(c).

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the  
board of school directors of each school district may reopen the  
board's budget to reflect funding provided under this section.

Section 2. This act shall apply to fiscal years beginning  
after June 30, 2015.

1       Section 3.   This act shall take effect immediately.