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INTRODUCED BY JOHNSON, WIGGINS, BARBER, DUMAS, OLIVER, WHITE,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 28, 1977

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 regulating accounting
6 procedures and imposing limitations on the use of certain
7 payments on account of poverty.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2402, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
11 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended
12 January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to read:

13 Section 2402. Statements of Accounts, etc.--In order that
14 the aforesaid accounts may be thoroughly and properly audited,
15 it shall be the duty of all boards of school directors and their
16 proper officers, school depositories, district superintendents,
17 treasurers of directors' associations, treasurers of teachers'
18 retirement funds, and other proper persons, to furnish to such
19 auditors, whenever required by them for auditing purposes,
20 statements and accounts of all finances of the district, of

1 teachers' institutes or directors' associations, and other funds
2 belonging to or controlled by the district, including assets and
3 liabilities, together with access to all books, records, tax
4 duplicates, vouchers, school orders, payrolls, letters and other
5 matters pertaining to the same. The statements and accounts
6 shall conform to the "Manual of Accounting and Related Financial
7 Procedures for Public School Systems" and other procedures
8 established by the Department of Education.

9 Section 2. Sections 2502.3 and 2502.4 of the act, amended
10 June 26, 1974 (P.L.370, No.125), are amended to read:

11 Section 2502.3. Payments on Account of Poverty.--For the
12 school year 1966-1967, and each school year thereafter, each
13 school district shall be paid, in addition to any other subsidy
14 to which it is entitled, an amount on account of children of low
15 income families equal to the sum of (1) the number of children
16 aged five (5) to seventeen (17) years, inclusive, in the
17 district of families having an annual income of less than two
18 thousand dollars (\$2,000), and (2) the number of children aged
19 five (5) to seventeen (17) years, inclusive, in such district of
20 families having an annual income in excess of two thousand
21 dollars (\$2,000) which receive Commonwealth payments on account
22 of dependent children under title iv of the Federal Social
23 Security Act, multiplied by one hundred and twenty dollars
24 (\$120) through the 1969-1970 school year and one hundred forty
25 dollars (\$140) for the school year 1970-1971, 1971-1972 and
26 1972-1973 and one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165) for the
27 school year 1973-1974 and each school year thereafter.

28 The Secretary of Education shall determine the number of
29 children under clauses (1) and (2) of this section from the most
30 recent satisfactory data available in the same manner as

1 provided under the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education
2 Act of 1965.

3 For the school year 1973-1974, and each school year
4 thereafter, for the purpose of this section, in each school
5 district, not less than the number of children shall be counted
6 in each category as were counted therefor under this section for
7 the school year 1972-1973. In school districts of the first
8 class, all payments received under this section shall be
9 maintained in a separate account and used solely and exclusively
10 for education of the children of low income families as defined
11 in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Public
12 Law 89-10).

13 Section 2502.4. Additional Special Assistance Grants on
14 Account of Low Income Families.--In addition to any other
15 payments made to school districts, the Commonwealth for the
16 school year 1973-1974 and for each school year thereafter shall
17 pay as a special assistance grant to each school district on
18 account of children of low income families an amount equal to
19 the sum of the number of children of low income families in the
20 district multiplied by the grant per poverty pupil fixed for the
21 percentage category of poverty pupils in average daily
22 membership in the district according to the following table:

Percentage Category of			
Poverty Pupils in			
Average Daily			Grant per
Membership			Poverty Pupil
15	- 19.9 percent		\$ 30
20	- 24.9 percent		60
25	- 29.9 percent		85
30	- 34.9 percent		135

1 over - 35 percent 150

2 The Secretary of Education shall determine the number of
3 children of low income families from the most recent
4 satisfactory data available in the same manner and according to
5 the same standards and definitions as provided in the Elementary
6 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-10), for
7 assistance to local educational agencies for the education of
8 children of low income families.

9 For the school year 1973-1974, and each school year
10 thereafter, for the purpose of this section, in each school
11 district, not less than the number of children shall be counted
12 in each category as were counted therefor under this section for
13 the school year 1972-1973. In school districts of the first
14 class, all payments received under this section shall be
15 maintained in a separate account and used solely and exclusively
16 for education of the children of low income families as defined
17 in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Public
18 Law 89-10).

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 90 days.