

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, in funding for public
6 libraries, for State aid for 2009-2010.

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

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

12 Section 2318. State aid for 2009-2010.

13 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, the following apply:

15 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), each library subject to
16 the act of June 14, 1961 (P.L.324, No.188), known as The
17 Library Code, that received a State aid allocation for fiscal
18 year 2008-2009 under section 2317 shall be eligible for State
19 aid in fiscal year 2009-2010.

20 (2) Any newly designated district library centers shall

be eligible for State aid in lieu of their predecessor
district library centers.

(b) Formula.--State aid under this section shall consist of
the following formula:

(1) Divide:

(i) the sum of the amount of funding that the
library received in fiscal year 2007-2008 under section
2316; by

(ii) the total State aid subsidy for fiscal year
2007-2008.

(2) Multiply:

(i) the quotient under paragraph (1); by

(ii) the total State aid subsidy for 2009-2010.

(c) State Librarian.--After distribution of State aid to
libraries under this section, any remaining unallocated funds
may be distributed at the discretion of the State Librarian.

(d) Local distribution.--Each library system receiving State
aid under this section may distribute the local library share of
that aid in a manner as determined by the system board of
directors.

(e) Waiver.--Upon application of the board of directors of a
local library, the State Librarian may waive any or all of the
provisions of section 104 of The Library Code. The application
must be in a form and manner as specified by the State Librarian
and must demonstrate that meeting the standards places an
economic hardship on the library.

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