

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 618 Session of 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

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 charter schools, further providing
 6 for funding for charter schools.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1725-A (a)(3) of the act of March 10,
 10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
 11 amended June 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), is amended, subsection
 12 (a) is amended by adding a paragraph and the section is amended
 13 by adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 1725-A. Funding for Charter Schools.--(a) Funding
 15 for a charter school shall be provided in the following manner:

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1 (2.1) For the 2013-2014 school year and every school year
2 thereafter, a cyber charter school shall receive for each
3 student enrolled the same funding for each nonspecial education
4 student as provided in clause (2), minus the budgeted
5 expenditures of the district of residence for the full
6 employer's share of retirement contributions paid to the Public
7 School Employees' Retirement System.

8 (3) For special education students, the charter school shall
9 receive for each student enrolled the same funding as for each
10 non-special education student as provided in clause (2) or
11 (2.1), whichever is appropriate, plus an additional amount
12 determined by dividing the district of residence's total special
13 education expenditure by the product of multiplying the combined
14 percentage of section 2509.5(k) times the district of
15 residence's total average daily membership for the prior school
16 year. This amount shall be paid by the district of residence of
17 each student.

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19 (f) The term "cyber charter school" shall mean an
20 independent public school established and operated under a
21 charter from the Department of Education and in which the school
22 uses technology in order to provide a significant portion of its
23 curriculum and to deliver a significant portion of instruction
24 to its students through the Internet or other electronic means.
25 A cyber charter school must be organized as a public, nonprofit
26 corporation. A charter may not be granted to a for-profit
27 entity.

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