

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 612

Sponsor: SENATOR BLAKE

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "and for
2 persons to be " in line 6 and "suspended" in line 7

3 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 16 through 19, by striking out all
4 of said lines and inserting

5 (5) Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year and each year
6 thereafter, for economic reasons as part of a plan to reduce or
7 control overall school district costs. A suspension under this
8 clause must be approved by a resolution under subclauses (i) and
9 (ii) by the board of school directors at a public meeting which
10 is held after a minimum of ten (10) days' public notice and at
11 which an opportunity for public comment regarding planned
12 suspension of professional employes is provided. The board shall
13 provide the resolution and documentation to demonstrate the
14 economic reasons for the suspension, which may include the
15 school district preliminary budget, proposed final budget, final
16 budget, annual financial report or any other document the school
17 district deems necessary, and shall make the resolution and
18 documents available for public inspection at least ten (10) days
19 prior to the meeting. The following shall apply to suspensions
20 for economic reasons under this clause:

21 (i) For fiscal years starting after June 30, 2011, prior to
22 the adoption of the school district's preliminary budget under
23 section 311 of the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
24 No.1), known as the "Taxpayer Relief Act," the board must adopt
25 a preliminary resolution of intent to suspend professional
26 employes for economic reasons. For fiscal years starting after
27 June 30, 2010, and ending on or before June 30, 2011, the board
28 of school directors must adopt a preliminary resolution within
29 two (2) weeks of the effective date of this subclause.

30 (ii) Prior to the adoption of the school district's annual
31 budget under section 312 of the "Taxpayer Relief Act," the board
32 must adopt a resolution to suspend professional employes for
33 economic reasons.

34 (iii) A preliminary resolution and a resolution to suspend
35 professional employes for economic reasons must, at a minimum,
36 set forth the following:

1 (A) The number of temporary employes and professional
2 employes including administrators to be suspended.

3 (B) The academic subjects, courses or electives to be
4 eliminated or reduced due to the proposed suspensions.

5 (C) The grade level of position to be eliminated or reduced
6 due to the proposed suspensions.

7 (D) The total cost savings due to the proposed suspensions.

8 (E) Identified cost savings reductions from other than
9 suspension of professional employes including, other staff,
10 extracurricular activities and administrative costs.

11 (F) The property tax rate and earned income tax rate
12 projected in the preliminary or annual budget.

13 (iv) For the purposes of this clause, a school entity shall
14 be deemed to have "economic reasons" only when, after assessing
15 its entire budget for possible reductions, the school entity
16 determines all of the following:

17 (A) Projected expenditures without suspension under this
18 clause would exceed projected revenues without a tax rate
19 increase.

20 (B) Projected expenditures without suspension under this
21 clause would still exceed projected revenues calculated to
22 include total revenues which would be derived from a rate
23 increase by its index, as defined in section 302 of the
24 "Taxpayer Relief Act"; and any additional rate increase by more
25 than its index for which it would qualify under section 333(f)
26 and (n) of the "Taxpayer Relief Act" notwithstanding section
27 333(h) of the "Taxpayer Relief Act" without implementing this
28 clause.

29 (v) All savings realized from a suspension for economic
30 reasons shall be used to offset and may not exceed any decrease
31 in State and local revenue.

32 (vi) A school entity may implement administrative and other
33 operating efficiencies following a suspension for economic
34 reasons.

35 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 13 through 30; page 4, lines 1
36 through 30; page 5, lines 1 through 21, by striking out all of
37 said lines on said pages

38 Amend Bill, page 5, line 22, by striking out "3" and
39 inserting