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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for student-weighted basic education funding.

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

Section 1. Section 2502.53(b) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to read:

Section 2502.53. Student-Weighted Basic Education Funding.--

(b) For the [2015-2016] 2017-2018 school year [and each school year thereafter], the Commonwealth shall pay to each school district a basic education funding allocation which shall consist of the following:

(1) An amount equal to the school district's basic education
funding allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

(2) A student-based allocation to be calculated as follows:

(i) Multiply the school district's student-weighted average daily membership by the median household income index and local effort capacity index.

(ii) Multiply the product in subparagraph (i) by the [difference between the amount appropriated for the allocation of basic education funding to school districts and the amount appropriated for the allocation in paragraph (1).] total amount distributed to all school districts for basic education funding for the 2016-2017 school year.

(iii) Divide the product in subparagraph (ii) by the sum of the products in subparagraph (i) for all school districts.

(iv) Subtract the amount allocated to each school district for basic education funding for the 2016-2017 school year from the amount for each school district as calculated according to subparagraph (iii).

(v) For each school district in which the difference as calculated in subparagraph (iv) is greater than zero, the school district shall receive an amount distributed as follows:

(A) Subtract the amount allocated for basic education funding in the 2016-2017 school year from the amount appropriated for the 2017-2018 school year.

(B) Multiply the difference from clause (A) by seventy-five percent (75%).

(C) Multiply the product from clause (B) by the positive difference from subparagraph (iv) for each qualifying school district.

(D) Divide the product from clause (C) by the sum of the positive amounts as calculated under subparagraph (iv) for all school districts.
qualifying school districts.

(vi) Each school district shall also receive an additional amount as follows:

(A) Multiply the school district's student-weighted average daily membership by the median household income index and local effort capacity index.

(B) Subtract the amount allocated for basic education funding for the 2016-2017 school year from the amount appropriated for the 2017-2018 school year.

(C) Multiply the difference from clause (B) by twenty-five percent (25%).

(D) Subtract the total amount distributed under paragraph (1) from the total amount allocated to all school districts for the 2016-2017 school year.

(E) Add the product from clause (C) and the difference from clause (D).

(F) Multiply the amount for each school district from clause (A) by the sum from clause (E).

(G) Divide the product from clause (F) by the sum of the products in clause (A) for all school districts.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later.