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 State reimbursement for health services.

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

Section 1. Section 2505.1(b.1) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

Section 2505.1. State Reimbursement for Health Services.--*

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(b.1) Every school district which renders health services to children shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth on account of health services which conform to standards approved by the Secretary of Health. Reimbursement shall be paid by the Secretary of Health. For the school year 1990-1991, the amount of this reimbursement for this subsection shall be the sum of
five dollars and ninety cents ($5.90) multiplied by the average daily membership of each school district. For the school year 1991-1992 and each school year thereafter, the amount of this reimbursement for this subsection shall be the sum of nine dollars and seventy cents ($9.70) multiplied by the average daily membership of each school district. For the school year 2021-2022 and each school year thereafter, the amount of this reimbursement for this subsection shall be the sum of the following:

(1) Nine dollars and seventy cents ($9.70) multiplied by the average daily membership of each school district.

(2) Forty dollars ($40) multiplied by the average daily membership of each school district multiplied by the percentage of students that are economically disadvantaged. As used in this paragraph, the term "economically disadvantaged" shall mean the economically disadvantaged status of a student as reported by a school district, intermediate unit or area career and technical school through the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) and determined based upon poverty data sources such as eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid or free or reduced-price lunch, census data, residence in an institution for the neglected or delinquent or residence in a foster home.

(b.2) Beginning with the school year 2022-2023 and each school year thereafter, the Secretary of Health shall annually adjust the amount of the reimbursement under subsection (b.1) by the positive percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the twelve-month period ending in December of the school year.
for which the data is being collected.

(b.3) For the school year 2019-2020, thirty-four million dollars ($34,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account established under section 110-C of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, to reimburse each school entity for the costs of providing school health services as a one-time payment to each school entity. The reimbursement under this subsection shall be determined as follows:

(1) Subtract each school entity's reimbursement received under subsection (b.1) for the school year 2019-2020 from the costs of providing support services for pupil health as reported to the Secretary of Education on the most recent annual financial report under section 218.

(2) Multiply the difference under paragraph (1) by each school entity's market value/personal income aid ratio.

(3) Divide the product under paragraph (2) by the sum of all products under paragraph (2) for all school entities.

(4) Multiply the quotient under paragraph (3) by thirty-four million dollars ($34,000,000) for each school entity.

(b.4) The Department of Health shall post the detailed payment calculation made to each school entity under this section within sixty (60) days of the payment on the Department of Health's publicly accessible Internet website.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.