

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, SCHULER, COLAFELLA, McILHATTAN, STEELMAN,
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RUBLEY, SHANER, STEIL, THOMAS, TIGUE, TULLI, WASHINGTON AND
WOJNAROSKI, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

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," further providing for funding for
6 charter schools and for payments on account of transportation
7 of nonpublic school pupils.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1725-A(a)(2) of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
12 June 19, 1997 (P.L.225, No.22), is amended and the section is
13 amended 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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17 (2) For non-special education students, the charter school
18 shall receive for each student enrolled [no less than] the

1 lesser of either three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or the budgeted
2 total expenditure per average daily membership of the prior
3 school year, as defined in section 2501(20), minus the budgeted
4 expenditures of the district of residence for nonpublic school
5 programs; adult education programs; community/junior college
6 programs; student transportation services; for special education
7 programs; facilities acquisition, construction and improvement
8 services; and other financing uses, including debt service and
9 fund transfers as provided in the Manual of Accounting and
10 Related Financial Procedures for Pennsylvania School Systems
11 established by the department. This amount shall be paid by the
12 district of residence of each student.

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14 (b.1) In addition to any other payments to which it is
15 entitled, the Commonwealth shall pay to each charter school for
16 each student enrolled any difference between three thousand
17 dollars (\$3,000) and the budgeted total expenditure per average
18 daily membership as calculated in subsection (a)(2).

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20 Section 2. Section 2509.3 of the act, amended April 27, 1998
21 (P.L.270, No.46), is amended to read:

22 Section 2509.3. Payments on Account of Transportation of
23 Nonpublic School Pupils.--Each school district, regardless of
24 classification, shall be paid by the Commonwealth the sum of
25 thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each nonpublic school pupil
26 transported in the school year 1978-1979 through the school year
27 1983-1984. For the school year 1984-1985 through the school year
28 1989-1990, each school district shall be paid the sum of seventy
29 dollars (\$70) for each nonpublic school pupil transported. For
30 the school years 1990-1991 and 1991-1992, each school district

1 shall be paid the sum of one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$124)
2 for each nonpublic school pupil transported. For the school year
3 1992-1993 and the 1993-1994 school year, each school district
4 shall be paid the sum of one hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$159)
5 for each nonpublic school pupil transported. For the school year
6 1994-1995 through the school year 1996-1997, each school
7 district shall be paid the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for
8 each nonpublic school pupil transported. For the school year
9 1997-1998 [and each school year thereafter] through the school
10 year 1999-2000, each school district shall be paid the sum of
11 two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$285) for each nonpublic school
12 pupil transported. For the 2000-2001 school year and each school
13 year thereafter, each school district shall be paid the sum of
14 three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) for each nonpublic school
15 pupil transported.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.