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AN ACT

- Amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, providing for the School
- 3 District Contribution Fund.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 § 103. School District Contribution Fund.
- 9 (a) Establishment of fund.--In order to carry out the
- 10 purposes of section 315.12 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,
- 11 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, there is
- 12 established in the State Treasury a restricted revenue account
- 13 <u>within the General Fund which shall be known as the School</u>
- 14 <u>District Contribution Fund.</u>
- 15 <u>(b) Administration of program.--</u>
- 16 (1) The department shall administer the program
- 17 established in paragraph (2) and shall accept voluntary
- 18 contributions from persons for the fund. The department may

- 1 <u>consult with any governmental or nongovernmental organization</u>
- 2 <u>as is necessary to complete the requirements under this</u>
- 3 section but may not enter into an agreement or contract with
- 4 the organization for the staffing functions of the program.
- 5 (2) The School District Contribution Program is
- 6 established. Contributions received for the fund shall be
- 7 <u>distributed by the department to the public school district</u>
- 8 that is designated by an individual for the contribution.
- 9 (c) Moneys received. -- All money received from the voluntary
- 10 contribution system established in section 315.12 of the Tax
- 11 Reform Code of 1971 shall be deposited into the fund.
- 12 (d) Other voluntary contributions. -- In addition to the
- 13 voluntary contribution system established in section 315.12 of
- 14 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, the Commonwealth is also authorized
- 15 to accept other voluntary contributions and electronic donations
- 16 to the fund. All other voluntary contributions and electronic
- 17 donations shall be deposited into the fund. All agencies of
- 18 State, county and municipal government within this Commonwealth
- 19 may include a brief description of the program and the
- 20 electronic and mailing address to make donations to the fund in
- 21 their publications, mailings and communications.
- 22 (e) Future appropriations. -- The General Assembly may
- 23 appropriate funds for transfer to the fund for the purposes of
- 24 this section.
- 25 (f) Use of fund money. -- The moneys contained in the fund are
- 26 hereby appropriated on a continuing basis to the department for
- 27 the exclusive use of carrying out the purposes of this section.
- 28 (g) Reporting.--Beginning on or before July 30, 2015, and
- 29 every year thereafter for the length of the program, the
- 30 department shall submit a report to the chairman and minority

- 1 <u>chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the</u>
- 2 <u>chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee</u>
- 3 of the House of Representatives, the chairman and minority
- 4 chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and the
- 5 chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the
- 6 House of Representatives detailing the total amount of money
- 7 <u>distributed in the prior year to each school district. The</u>
- 8 report shall also set forth any participation by a governmental
- 9 or nongovernmental organization utilized in the furtherance of
- 10 the program.
- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.