

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1706 Session of 2015

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STAATS, STEPHENS, TALLMAN AND VEREB, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

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," in intermediate units, further
6 providing for loan of textbooks, instructional materials and
7 instructional equipment, nonpublic school children.

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

10 Section 1. Section 923-A of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 923-A. Loan of Textbooks, Instructional Materials
14 and Instructional Equipment, Nonpublic School Children.--* * *

15 (f) State budget impasse. The following apply:

16 (1) If a State budget has not been enacted as of July 15
17 of any calendar year, the department shall utilize
18 undistributed funds not expended, encumbered or committed on
19 account of textbooks, materials and equipment for nonpublic

1 schools in order to provide for the purchase of non-reusable
2 workbooks.

3 (2) If the amount available under paragraph (1) is less
4 than two million dollars (\$2,000,000), the department shall
5 utilize any undistributed funds not expended, encumbered or
6 committed on account of general government operations in
7 order to allocate not less than two million dollars
8 (\$2,000,000) for the purposes described under paragraph (1).

9 (3) Subsequent to the enactment of a general
10 appropriations act, the amount allocated pursuant to this
11 subsection shall be deducted from the total allocation made
12 on behalf of the children enrolled in each nonpublic school.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.