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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 22, 2018

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," ~~providing for higher education~~ <--  
6 ~~accountability and transparency.~~ <-- IN PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS,  
7 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR KEYSTONE EXAMS; IN ORGANIZATION  
8 MEETINGS AND OFFICERS OF BOARDS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS,  
9 PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; IN DUTIES AND POWERS OF  
10 BOARDS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, PROVIDING FOR THIRD-PARTY  
11 SERVICES; IN GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR  
12 LIMITATION ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
13 APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND PROVIDING FOR  
14 LEAD TESTING; IN BOOKS, FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES, FURTHER  
15 PROVIDING FOR TIME AND MANNER OF ADOPTING AND FURNISHING  
16 TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS; IN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES,  
17 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR PERSONS TO BE SUSPENDED; IN  
18 CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONAL  
19 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE; IN PUPILS AND ATTENDANCE,  
20 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FOR ATTENDANCE  
21 POLICY AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR EXCUSES  
22 FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL, FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING COMPULSORY  
23 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS AND FOR NONPROFIT SCHOOL FOOD  
24 PROGRAM; IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL PILOT  
25 PROGRAM, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR TERM OF PROGRAM AND FOR  
26 REPORTING; IN TERMS AND COURSES OF STUDY, FURTHER PROVIDING  
27 FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS; IN COMMUNITY  
28 COLLEGES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL PROGRAM AND  
29 REIMBURSEMENT OF PAYMENTS; IN EDUCATIONAL TAX CREDITS,

1 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, FOR QUALIFICATION AND  
2 APPLICATION BY ORGANIZATIONS, FOR APPLICATION BY BUSINESS  
3 FIRMS, FOR TAX CREDITS AND FOR LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR  
4 HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY; IN FUNDING  
5 FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, PROVIDING FOR STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR  
6 2018-2019; AND, IN REIMBURSEMENTS BY COMMONWEALTH AND BETWEEN  
7 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS TO  
8 INTERMEDIATE UNITS, FOR ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
9 DECLARED TO BE IN FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS OR IDENTIFIED FOR  
10 FINANCIAL WATCH STATUS AND FOR READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT.

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

13 ~~Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known <--~~  
14 ~~as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an~~  
15 ~~article to read:~~

16 SECTION 1. SECTION 121(B) (1) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 <--  
17 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949,  
18 AMENDED NOVEMBER 6, 2017 (P.L.1142, NO.55), IS AMENDED TO READ:

19 SECTION 121. KEYSTONE EXAMS.--\* \* \*

20 (B) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

21 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 2604-B(B) (2) (V), 22 PA. CODE §  
22 4.24 (RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS), 4.51  
23 (RELATING TO STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM) OR 4.51C (RELATING TO  
24 PROJECT-BASED ASSESSMENT) OR ANY STATUTE OR REGULATION TO THE  
25 CONTRARY, THE USE OF THE KEYSTONE EXAMS AS A GRADUATION  
26 REQUIREMENT OR AS A BENCHMARK FOR THE NEED FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
27 A PROJECT-BASED ASSESSMENT SHALL BE DELAYED UNTIL THE [2019-  
28 2020] 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

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30 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO READ:

31 SECTION 425. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.--(A) NOTWITHSTANDING 65  
32 PA.C.S. § 708(A) (RELATING TO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS), A SCHOOL  
33 ENTITY MAY HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO PLAN, REVIEW OR DISCUSS  
34 MATTERS RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH, IF  
35 CONDUCTED IN PUBLIC, WOULD:

1 (1) BE REASONABLY LIKELY TO IMPAIR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH  
2 MEASURES; OR

3 (2) CREATE A REASONABLE LIKELIHOOD OF JEOPARDIZING THE  
4 SAFETY OR SECURITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR A SCHOOL, INCLUDING A  
5 BUILDING, PUBLIC UTILITY, RESOURCE, INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITY OR  
6 INFORMATION STORAGE SYSTEM.

7 (B) THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE HELD DURING AN OPEN MEETING  
8 OR AT THE CONCLUSION OF AN OPEN MEETING OR MAY BE ANNOUNCED FOR  
9 A FUTURE TIME. THE REASON FOR HOLDING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MUST  
10 BE ANNOUNCED AT THE OPEN MEETING OCCURRING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR OR  
11 SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. IF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS  
12 NOT ANNOUNCED FOR A SPECIFIC TIME IN THE FUTURE, MEMBERS OF THE  
13 AGENCY SHALL BE NOTIFIED TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
14 THE TIME OF THE CONVENING OF THE MEETING SPECIFYING THE DATE,  
15 TIME, LOCATION AND PURPOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

16 (C) OFFICIAL ACTION ON DISCUSSIONS HELD PURSUANT TO  
17 SUBSECTION (A) SHALL BE TAKEN AT AN OPEN MEETING. NOTHING IN  
18 THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THAT ANY MEETING BE  
19 CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, NOR SHALL ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION BE USED AS  
20 A SUBTERFUGE TO DEFEAT THE PURPOSES OF 65 PA.C.S. § 704  
21 (RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS).

22 (D) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES  
23 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION:

24 "EXECUTIVE SESSION" SHALL HAVE THE MEANING GIVEN TO THE TERM  
25 UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 703 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS).

26 "SCHOOL ENTITY" SHALL MEAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE  
27 UNIT, JOINT SCHOOL, AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER  
28 SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL OR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL.

29 SECTION 528. THIRD-PARTY SERVICES.--(A) IN ADDITION TO THE  
30 REQUIREMENTS OF ANY OTHER LAW OR REGULATION, A SCHOOL EMPLOYER

1 SHALL NOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY FOR NON-  
2 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES UNLESS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

3 (1) THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER SHALL SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FROM  
4 THIRD PARTIES.

5 (2) THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER'S SOLICITATION SHALL REQUIRE EACH  
6 THIRD PARTY TO PROVIDE IN THE APPLICATION:

7 (I) A MINIMUM THREE-YEAR COST PROJECTION TO THE SCHOOL  
8 EMPLOYER, USING GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.

9 (II) INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY VIOLATION OF FEDERAL OR  
10 STATE LAW OR REGULATION BY THE THIRD PARTY, COMPOSITE  
11 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRIMINAL AND DISCIPLINARY RECORDS OF  
12 CURRENT EMPLOYEES OF THE THIRD PARTY WHO MAY PERFORM THE NON-  
13 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY TRAFFIC  
14 VIOLATION OR CHARGEABLE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED DURING THE COURSE  
15 OF EMPLOYMENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OF THE THIRD PARTY.

16 (III) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER  
17 DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

18 (3) THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER SHALL CONDUCT A MINIMUM OF ONE  
19 PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING TO  
20 PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THE SELECTED PROPOSAL OF A THIRD PARTY TO  
21 PERFORM THE NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AND TO RECEIVE PUBLIC  
22 COMMENT. THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
23 OF THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING:

24 (I) ON OR BEFORE THE INITIAL DATE THAT BIDS TO PROVIDE THE  
25 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES ARE SOLICITED; OR

26 (II) A MINIMUM OF THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC BOARD  
27 MEETING, WHICHEVER PROVIDES A GREATER PERIOD OF NOTICE.

28 (B) FOR A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHOSE EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED DUE  
29 TO A THIRD PARTY ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL  
30 EMPLOYER FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AND WHO SEEKS EMPLOYMENT

1 FROM THE THIRD PARTY DURING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CONTRACT,  
2 THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

3 (1) THE THIRD PARTY SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE SCHOOL  
4 EMPLOYEE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE AN INTERVIEW, WHEN HIRING ANY NEW  
5 EMPLOYEE FOR THE SAME OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR POSITION WHICH  
6 THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HELD WITH THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER.

7 (2) IF REQUESTED BY THE THIRD PARTY, THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER  
8 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE THIRD PARTY INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
9 PERFORMANCE AND EMPLOYMENT DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE.

10 (C) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO:

11 (1) SUPERSEDE 7 CFR PT. 210 (RELATING TO NATIONAL SCHOOL  
12 LUNCH PROGRAM) WHERE APPLICABLE.

13 (2) SUPERSEDE OR PREEMPT THE RIGHTS, REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES  
14 AFFORDED TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER FEDERAL  
15 OR STATE LAW, INCLUDING THE ACT OF JULY 23, 1970 (P.L.563,  
16 NO.195), KNOWN AS THE "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT," OR ANY  
17 PROVISION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED  
18 BETWEEN A SCHOOL EMPLOYER AND AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
19 EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT ACT.

20 (D) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES  
21 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS  
22 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

23 "NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES" SHALL MEAN SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
24 A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE  
25 GOVERNED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN  
26 THE SCHOOL EMPLOYER AND THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
27 EMPLOYEE AND EXCLUDING SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PROFESSIONAL  
28 EMPLOYEE, A SUBSTITUTE OR A TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE AS  
29 THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED UNDER SECTION 1101.

30 "SCHOOL EMPLOYER" SHALL MEAN A BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, AN

1 INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR AN AREA VOCATIONAL-  
2 TECHNICAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3 "THIRD PARTY" SHALL MEAN A FOR-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDER,  
4 INCLUDING A BUSINESS OR CORPORATION, THAT CONTRACTS WITH A  
5 SCHOOL EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES. THE TERM  
6 SHALL NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL.

7 SECTION 3. SECTION 732.1(A) OF THE ACT, AMENDED NOVEMBER 6,  
8 2017 (P.L.1142, NO.55), IS AMENDED TO READ:

9 SECTION 732.1. LIMITATION ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT  
10 OF EDUCATION APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.--(A)  
11 FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR, 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR [AND],  
12 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR AND 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF EDUCATION SHALL NOT ACCEPT OR APPROVE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING  
14 CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPLICATIONS.

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16 SECTION 3.1. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

17 SECTION 742. LEAD TESTING.--(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019  
18 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EVERY SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, SCHOOL FACILITIES  
19 WHERE CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL MAY BE TESTED FOR LEAD LEVELS IN  
20 THE DRINKING WATER AND ANY SCHOOL FACILITY WHOSE TESTING SHOWS  
21 LEAD LEVELS IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL OR  
22 MILLIGRAMS PER LITER AS SET BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
23 PROTECTION AGENCY'S NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS  
24 SHALL IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO ENSURE NO CHILD OR ADULT  
25 IS EXPOSED TO LEAD CONTAMINATION DRINKING WATER AND THAT  
26 ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

27 (B) IF A SCHOOL ENTITY DOES NOT TEST LEAD LEVELS UNDER  
28 PARAGRAPH (A) THE SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL, AT A PUBLIC MEETING,  
29 DISCUSS LEAD ISSUES IN THE SCHOOL FACILITIES.

30 (C) IF A TEST OF LEAD LEVELS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) IS

1 ELEVATED THE LEVEL SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 EDUCATION AND POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE  
3 INTERNET WEBSITE.

4 SECTION 4. SECTION 803 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

5 SECTION 803. TIME AND MANNER OF ADOPTING AND FURNISHING  
6 TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS.--ALL SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS, IN  
7 SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH CLASS, SHALL BE  
8 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AT ANY REGULAR MEETING  
9 [BETWEEN THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL AND THE FIRST DAY OF AUGUST  
10 FOLLOWING]. SUCH BOOKS, SO ADOPTED, SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR THE  
11 USE OF THE SCHOOLS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL TERMS NEXT  
12 FOLLOWING. IF IN SAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS THERE SHALL BE A DISTRICT  
13 SUPERINTENDENT, SUCH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REPORT IN  
14 WHICH SUBJECTS NEW TEXTBOOKS ARE NEEDED, AND AFTER CONSULTATION  
15 WITH THE TEACHERS UNDER HIS SUPERVISION, WHAT TEXTBOOKS SHOULD  
16 BE ADOPTED OR CHANGED. NO ADOPTION OR CHANGE OF TEXTBOOKS SHALL  
17 BE MADE WITHOUT HIS RECOMMENDATION, EXCEPT BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE  
18 OF THE BOARD. BOOKS, SUPPLEMENTARY TO TEXTBOOKS REGULARLY  
19 ADOPTED, MAY BE ADOPTED AND PURCHASED FOR USE IN THE SCHOOLS AT  
20 ANY TIME. SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS SHALL BE ADOPTED IN THE SAME  
21 MANNER AS TEXTBOOKS ARE HEREIN REQUIRED TO BE ADOPTED.

22 SECTION 5. SECTION 1125.1 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
23 SUBSECTION TO READ:

24 SECTION 1125.1. PERSONS TO BE SUSPENDED.--\* \* \*

25 (C.1) A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL REALIGN ITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
26 SO AS TO ENSURE THAT MORE SENIOR EMPLOYEES ARE PROVIDED WITH THE  
27 OPPORTUNITY TO FILL ANY POSITIONS WITHIN THE SCHOOL ENTITY FOR  
28 WHICH THEY ARE CERTIFICATED AND WHICH ARE BEING FILLED BY LESS  
29 SENIOR EMPLOYEES, SUBJECT TO THE ORDER SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION  
30 (A).

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2 SECTION 6. SECTION 1204.2 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

3 SECTION 1204.2. [PROVISIONAL] VOCATIONAL [EDUCATION]

4 INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATE.--(A) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MAY

5 GRANT A [PROVISIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION] CERTIFICATE UNDER

6 THIS SECTION TO EVERY PERSON WHO PRESENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

7 EDUCATION SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND WHO

8 HAS COMPLETED SUCH WORK IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AS MAY BE

9 REQUIRED BY THE STANDARDS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION[,

10 WHICH CERTIFICATE SHALL ENTITLE THE INDIVIDUAL TO TEACH FOR

11 EIGHT ANNUAL SCHOOL TERMS].

12 (B) IN ADDITION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS PROMULGATED BY THE

13 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL

14 REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO PRESENT EVIDENCE OF AT LEAST FOUR (4)

15 YEARS OF WAGE-EARNING EXPERIENCE IN THE OCCUPATION TO BE TAUGHT

16 IN ORDER FOR THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO GRANT THE APPLICANT A

17 VOCATIONAL INTERN CERTIFICATE UNDER 22 PA. CODE § 49.151

18 (RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA).

19 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT PROMULGATED BY THE

20 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL NOT

21 REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO HAVE COMPLETED MORE THAN EIGHTEEN (18)

22 CREDIT HOURS IN AN APPROVED PROGRAM OF VOCATIONAL TEACHER

23 EDUCATION IN ORDER FOR THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO GRANT THE

24 APPLICANT A VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL I CERTIFICATE UNDER 22 PA.

25 CODE § 49.142 (RELATING TO VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL I), WHICH

26 CERTIFICATE SHALL ENTITLE THE INDIVIDUAL TO TEACH FOR EIGHT (8)

27 ANNUAL SCHOOL TERMS.

28 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT PROMULGATED BY THE

29 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL NOT

30 REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO HAVE COMPLETED MORE THAN SIXTY (60)



1 TOTAL CREDIT HOURS IN AN APPROVED PROGRAM OF VOCATIONAL TEACHER  
2 EDUCATION IN ORDER FOR THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO GRANT THE  
3 APPLICANT A VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL II CERTIFICATE UNDER 22 PA.  
4 CODE § 49.143 (RELATING TO VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL II). CREDIT  
5 HOURS IN AN APPROVED PROGRAM OF VOCATIONAL TEACHER EDUCATION  
6 COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT TOWARD THE FULFILLMENT OF THE  
7 REQUIREMENTS FOR A VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL I CERTIFICATE SHALL  
8 BE COUNTED TOWARD THE TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR A  
9 VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL II CERTIFICATE.

10 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL FORM A PROFESSIONAL  
11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSES OF REVIEWING VOCATIONAL  
12 INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES EVERY FIVE (5)  
13 YEARS TO ENSURE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM DESIGN AND  
14 DELIVERY PERTAIN TO THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A  
15 VOCATIONAL EDUCATOR. THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL,  
16 AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES WHOSE PRIMARY  
17 RESPONSIBILITY IS TEACHING OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS IN STATE-APPROVED  
18 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

19 SECTION 7. THE DEFINITION OF "EDUCATIONAL ENTITY" IN SECTION  
20 1326 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

21 SECTION 1326. DEFINITIONS.--WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE  
22 FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

23 \* \* \*

24 "EDUCATIONAL ENTITY" SHALL MEAN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
25 [NONPUBLIC SCHOOL] CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL,  
26 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL OR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

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28 SECTION 8. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

29 SECTION 1327.3. ATTENDANCE POLICY AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.-- (A)  
30 EACH NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ESTABLISH AN ATTENDANCE POLICY

1 DESIGNED TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE WHEN A CHILD WHO IS ENROLLED IN  
2 A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL HAS AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE, WHICH MAY DIFFER  
3 FROM THE POLICY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CHILD  
4 RESIDES. THE POLICY SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, CONFORM TO THE  
5 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT RELATING TO COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE BUT MAY  
6 CONTAIN ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING WHEN A STUDENT IS  
7 DETERMINED TO BE DEEMED TRUANT OR HABITUALLY TRUANT. THE POLICY  
8 SHALL ALSO CONTAIN ACTIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IN  
9 RESPONSE TO A DETERMINATION OF TRUANT OR HABITUALLY TRUANT WHICH  
10 MAY INCLUDE EXPULSION.

11 (B) AT SUCH TIME THAT THE CHILD IS DEEMED HABITUALLY TRUANT  
12 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1326, THE VENUE FOR THE FILING OF A  
13 CITATION OR REFERRAL UNDER SECTION 1333.1 SHALL BE BASED UPON  
14 THE RESIDENCE OF THE CHILD AND EXECUTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
15 OF RESIDENCE. A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PARTICIPATE IN A PROCEEDING  
16 UNDER SECTIONS 1333.1, 1333.2 AND 1333.3 IN PERSON, BY PHONE  
17 CONFERENCING, BY VIDEO CONFERENCING OR BY ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC  
18 MEANS.

19 (C) THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS SHALL APPLY TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:

20 (1) SECTION 1326.

21 (2) SECTION 1327.

22 (3) THIS SECTION.

23 (4) SECTION 1329.

24 (5) SECTION 1330.

25 (6) SECTION 1332.

26 (7) SECTION 1333.

27 (8) SECTION 1333.1.

28 (9) SECTION 1333.2.

29 (10) SECTION 1333.3.

30 SECTION 9. SECTION 1329 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A

1 SUBSECTION TO READ:

2 SECTION 1329. EXCUSES FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL.--\* \* \*

3 (A.2) (1) A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY EXCUSE A STUDENT FROM  
4 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE IN  
5 CONJUNCTION WITH A NATIONAL VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR  
6 INCORPORATED UNIT FOR AN EVENT OR FUNERAL. THE NATIONAL  
7 VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR INCORPORATED UNIT MUST PROVIDE THE  
8 STUDENT WITH A SIGNED EXCUSE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE DATE,  
9 LOCATION AND TIME OF THE EVENT OR FUNERAL. THE STUDENT SHALL  
10 FURNISH THE SIGNED EXCUSE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIOR TO BEING  
11 EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL.

12 (2) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND  
13 PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS PARAGRAPH:

14 "INCORPORATED UNIT." AN INCORPORATED POST, BRANCH, CAMP,  
15 DETACHMENT, LODGE OR OTHER SUBORDINATE UNIT OF A NATIONAL  
16 VETERANS' ORGANIZATION.

17 "NATIONAL VETERANS' ORGANIZATION." A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION  
18 HAVING A NATIONAL CHARTER.

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20 SECTION 10. SECTION 1333.3(D)(2) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO  
21 READ:

22 SECTION 1333.3. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING COMPULSORY SCHOOL  
23 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS.--\* \* \*

24 (D) NO CITATION MAY BE FILED AGAINST A CHILD OR A PERSON IN  
25 PARENTAL RELATION WITH THE CHILD WHO RESIDES IN THE SAME  
26 HOUSEHOLD AS THE CHILD FOR A SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF COMPULSORY  
27 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES APPLY:

28 \* \* \*

29 (2) A REFERRAL FOR SERVICES HAS BEEN MADE TO THE COUNTY  
30 CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION [AND], THE

1 AGENCY HAS NOT CLOSED THE CASE AND THE EDUCATIONAL ENTITY HAS  
2 NOT CONSULTED WITH THE COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY PRIOR TO  
3 FILING THE PETITION.

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5 SECTION 11. SECTIONS 1337(D) (4) AND (5), 1406-A AND 1407-  
6 A(B) AND 1517(A.1) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND (1) OF THE ACT,  
7 AMENDED NOVEMBER 6, 2017 (P.L.1142, NO.55), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

8 SECTION 1337. NONPROFIT SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM.--\* \* \*

9 (D) BOARDS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

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11 (4) EACH BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SHALL:

12 (I) REQUIRE SCHOOLS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION TO DIRECT  
13 COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING MONEY OWED BY A STUDENT FOR SCHOOL  
14 MEALS TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND NOT TO THE  
15 STUDENT[.] IF THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
16 GRADE EIGHT. FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED IN GRADE NINE THROUGH GRADE  
17 TWELVE, THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MAY REQUIRE THE SCHOOLS TO  
18 DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING A LOW BALANCE OR MONEY OWED BY A  
19 STUDENT FOR SCHOOL MEALS TO THE STUDENT IF THE COMMUNICATIONS  
20 ARE MADE INDIVIDUALLY TO THE STUDENT BY APPROPRIATE SCHOOL  
21 PERSONNEL AND ARE MADE DISCREETLY.

22 (II) PERMIT SCHOOLS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION TO CONTACT THE  
23 STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN BY MEANS OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO  
24 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN THAT IS DELIVERED BY THE STUDENT.

25 (5) EACH BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SHALL PROHIBIT SCHOOLS  
26 UNDER ITS JURISDICTION FROM IMPLEMENTING THE FOLLOWING:

27 (I) PUBLICLY IDENTIFYING OR STIGMATIZING A STUDENT WHO  
28 CANNOT PAY FOR A SCHOOL MEAL OR WHO OWES MONEY FOR SCHOOL MEALS.  
29 IT SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION OR STIGMATIZATION  
30 OF A STUDENT FOR A SCHOOL TO RESTRICT PRIVILEGES AND ACTIVITIES

1 OF STUDENTS WHO OWE MONEY FOR SCHOOL MEALS IF THOSE SAME  
2 RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO OWE MONEY FOR OTHER SCHOOL-  
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 (II) REQUIRING A STUDENT WHO CANNOT PAY FOR A SCHOOL MEAL TO  
5 PERFORM CHORES OR OTHER WORK TO PAY FOR THE SCHOOL MEAL. THIS  
6 SUBCLAUSE SHALL NOT APPLY IF CHORES OR OTHER WORK ARE REQUIRED  
7 OF ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF THE STUDENT'S INABILITY TO PAY FOR  
8 THE SCHOOL MEAL.

9 (III) REQUIRING A STUDENT TO DISCARD A SCHOOL MEAL AFTER IT  
10 WAS SERVED TO THE STUDENT DUE TO THE STUDENT'S INABILITY TO PAY  
11 FOR THE SCHOOL MEAL OR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY OWED BY THE STUDENT  
12 FOR EARLIER SCHOOL MEALS.

13 \* \* \*

14 SECTION 1406-A. TERM OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL  
15 PILOT PROGRAM.

16 (A) ENROLLMENT OF NEW STUDENTS.--UNLESS THE PROGRAM IS  
17 PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED BY ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE  
18 RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL SHALL NOT ENROLL NEW STUDENTS UNDER THE  
19 PROGRAM AFTER JUNE 30, [2021] 2022.

20 (B) CONTINUED ENROLLMENT.--IF THE PROGRAM IS NOT PERMANENTLY  
21 ESTABLISHED BY ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JUNE  
22 30, [2021] 2022, A STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL  
23 UNDER THE PROGRAM AS OF JUNE 30, [2021] 2022, MAY REMAIN  
24 ENROLLED IN THE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL UNDER THE PROGRAM UNTIL THE  
25 EARLIER OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 (1) THE STUDENT'S GRADUATION FROM THE RECOVERY HIGH  
27 SCHOOL.

28 (2) THE STUDENT'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RECOVERY HIGH  
29 SCHOOL.

30 (3) THE STUDENT'S COMPLETION OF FOUR YEARS OF ENROLLMENT

1 IN THE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL UNDER THE PROGRAM.

2 SECTION 1407-A. REPORTING.

3 \* \* \*

4 (B) REPORT BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF DRUG  
5 AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS.--BY DECEMBER 31, [2020] 2021, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
7 PROGRAMS, JOINTLY, SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY  
8 CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, THE  
9 CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
10 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY  
11 CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE  
12 SENATE AND THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
13 HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A WRITTEN  
14 REPORT ASSESSING THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM AND MAKING  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION AND EXPANSION  
16 OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING A PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR ANY POTENTIAL  
17 EXPANSION.

18 SECTION 1517. FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS.--\* \* \*

19 (A.1) WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE  
20 SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION AND  
21 WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR  
22 THEREAFTER, EACH SCHOOL ENTITY [MAY] SHALL CONDUCT ONE SCHOOL  
23 SECURITY DRILL PER SCHOOL YEAR IN EACH SCHOOL BUILDING IN PLACE  
24 OF A FIRE DRILL REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A). AFTER NINETY (90)  
25 DAYS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR, EACH SCHOOL  
26 ENTITY MAY CONDUCT TWO SCHOOL SECURITY DRILLS PER SCHOOL YEAR IN  
27 EACH SCHOOL BUILDING IN PLACE OF TWO FIRE DRILLS REQUIRED UNDER  
28 SUBSECTION (A). ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

29 (1) THE SCHOOL SECURITY DRILL [MAY] SHALL BE CONDUCTED WHILE  
30 THE SCHOOL ENTITY IS IN SESSION AND STUDENTS ARE PRESENT UNDER

1 POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.

2 \* \* \*

3 SECTION 12. SECTION 1913-A(B) (1.6) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY  
4 ADDING A SUBCLAUSE TO READ:

5 SECTION 1913-A. FINANCIAL PROGRAM; REIMBURSEMENT OF  
6 PAYMENTS.--\* \* \*

7 (B) \* \* \*

8 (1.6) FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
9 THEREAFTER, THE PAYMENT FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL CONSIST OF  
10 THE FOLLOWING:

11 \* \* \*

12 (XI) FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR, EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
13 SHALL RECEIVE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FOLLOWING:

14 (A) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OPERATING COSTS  
15 RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 UNDER SUBCLAUSE (X) (A).

16 (B) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STIPEND  
17 RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 UNDER SUBCLAUSE (X) (B).

18 (C) FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT RECEIVES FUNDING UNDER  
19 UNITS (A) AND (B), AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR OPERATING COSTS  
20 DETERMINED FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS FOLLOWS:

21 (I) MULTIPLY THE AUDITED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT AS  
22 VERIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (K.1) FOR THE MOST RECENT YEAR  
23 AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
24 THE APPROPRIATION FOR PAYMENT OF APPROVED OPERATING EXPENSES OF  
25 COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR AND THE SUM OF  
26 THE AMOUNTS IN UNITS (A) AND (B).

27 (II) DIVIDE THE PRODUCT IN SUBUNIT (I) BY THE SUM OF THE  
28 AUDITED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT AS VERIFIED UNDER  
29 SUBSECTION (K.1) FOR THE MOST RECENT YEAR AVAILABLE FOR ALL  
30 COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

1 \* \* \*

2 SECTION 13. THE DEFINITION OF "MAXIMUM ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD  
3 INCOME," IN SECTION 2002-B OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:  
4 SECTION 2002-B. DEFINITIONS.

5 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE  
6 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
7 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

8 \* \* \*

9 "MAXIMUM ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME."

10 (1) SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT UNDER PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3),  
11 THE AMOUNT OF [\$75,000] \$85,000, PLUS THE APPLICABLE INCOME  
12 ALLOWANCE.

13 (2) WITH RESPECT TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT WITH A  
14 DISABILITY, AS CALCULATED BY MULTIPLYING:

15 (I) THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1); BY  
16 (II) THE APPLICABLE SUPPORT LEVEL FACTOR ACCORDING  
17 TO THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

18	SUPPORT LEVEL	SUPPORT LEVEL FACTOR
19	1	1.50
20	2	2.993

21 (3) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
22 ANNUALLY ADJUST THE INCOME AMOUNTS UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND  
23 (2) TO REFLECT ANY UPWARD CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
24 FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY,  
25 DELAWARE AND MARYLAND AREA IN THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS AND  
26 SHALL IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT THE ADJUSTED AMOUNTS TO THE  
27 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION AS A NOTICE IN  
28 THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

29 \* \* \*

30 SECTION 14. SECTION 2003-B(C) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND



1 (2), (D), (D.1) (2) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND (3) AND (E) OF THE  
2 ACT ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
3 SUBSECTION TO READ:

4 SECTION 2003-B. QUALIFICATION AND APPLICATION BY ORGANIZATIONS.

5 \* \* \*

6 (C) SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
7 SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.--A SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION OR PRE-  
8 KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION MUST CERTIFY TO THE  
9 DEPARTMENT THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
10 THE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER  
11 THIS ARTICLE AND MUST AGREE TO ANNUALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING  
12 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT BY [SEPTEMBER] NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH  
13 YEAR:

14 \* \* \*

15 (2) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL  
16 BE SUBMITTED ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. NO LATER  
17 THAN [MAY] SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
18 ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE SUCH SAMPLE FORMS, TOGETHER WITH THE  
19 FORMS ON WHICH THE REPORTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE MADE, TO EACH  
20 LISTED SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
21 SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION.

22 \* \* \*

23 (D) EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION.--

24 (1) AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AN EDUCATIONAL  
25 IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION MUST DESCRIBE ITS PROPOSED  
26 INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS IN A FORM  
27 PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT  
28 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS NECESSARY. THE DEPARTMENT  
29 SHALL REVIEW AND APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE APPLICATION. IN  
30 ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EDUCATIONAL

1 IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS  
2 ARTICLE, AN EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION MUST AGREE  
3 TO ANNUALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE  
4 DEPARTMENT BY [SEPTEMBER] NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR:

5 (I) THE NAME OF THE INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
6 OR PROGRAMS AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE GRANT OR GRANTS  
7 MADE TO THOSE PROGRAMS DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
8 SCHOOL YEAR.

9 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW EACH GRANT WAS UTILIZED  
10 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR AND A  
11 DESCRIPTION OF ANY DEMONSTRATED OR EXPECTED INNOVATIVE  
12 EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS.

13 (III) THE NAMES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICTS WHERE INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT  
15 RECEIVED GRANTS DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SCHOOL  
16 YEAR WERE IMPLEMENTED.

17 (IV) WHERE THE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION  
18 COLLECTS INFORMATION ON A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS, THE  
19 TOTAL NUMBER AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS MADE DURING  
20 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR FOR PROGRAMS AT  
21 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EACH COUNTY IN WHICH THE EDUCATIONAL  
22 IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION MADE GRANTS.

23 (V) THE ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL FORM 990 OR OTHER  
24 FEDERAL FORM INDICATING THE TAX STATUS OF THE  
25 ORGANIZATION FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES, IF ANY, AND A COPY  
26 OF A COMPILATION, REVIEW OR AUDIT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S  
27 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONDUCTED BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
28 ACCOUNTING FIRM.

29 (2) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL  
30 BE SUBMITTED ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. NO LATER

1 THAN [MAY] SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
2 ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE SUCH SAMPLE FORMS, TOGETHER WITH THE  
3 FORMS ON WHICH THE REPORTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE MADE, TO EACH  
4 LISTED EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION.

5 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE ANY OTHER INFORMATION  
6 TO BE PROVIDED BY EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS,  
7 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE.

8 (D.1) OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.--

9 \* \* \*

10 (2) AN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION MUST AGREE  
11 TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE  
12 DEPARTMENT BY [SEPTEMBER] NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR:

13 \* \* \*

14 (3) NO LATER THAN [MAY] SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE  
15 DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE SUCH SAMPLE FORMS,  
16 TOGETHER WITH THE FORMS ON WHICH THE REPORTS ARE REQUIRED TO  
17 BE MADE, TO EACH LISTED OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION.

18 \* \* \*

19 (D.2) VERIFICATION OF INCOME.--EACH SCHOLARSHIP  
20 ORGANIZATION, PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION AND  
21 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE FOR AN  
22 APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS THAT  
23 INCLUDES A MEANS OF VERIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME, WHICH MAY  
24 INCLUDE SUBMISSION OF THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS' MOST RECENTLY  
25 AVAILABLE FEDERAL OR STATE TAX RETURNS, IF REQUIRED TO BE FILED  
26 BY THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

27 (E) NOTIFICATION.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE  
28 SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION, PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP  
29 ORGANIZATION, EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION OR  
30 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION THAT THE ORGANIZATION MEETS

1 THE REQUIREMENTS OF AND IS QUALIFIED UNDER THIS ARTICLE [FOR  
2 THAT FISCAL YEAR] NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE ORGANIZATION  
3 HAS SUBMITTED THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

4 \* \* \*

5 SECTION 15. SECTIONS 2004-B(D) AND 2005-B(G) AND (G.1) OF  
6 THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

7 SECTION 2004-B. APPLICATION BY BUSINESS FIRMS.

8 \* \* \*

9 (D) CONTRIBUTIONS.--A CONTRIBUTION BY A BUSINESS FIRM TO A  
10 SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION, PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP  
11 ORGANIZATION, OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION OR  
12 EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION SHALL BE MADE NO LATER THAN  
13 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION UNDER  
14 SUBSECTION (A) OR (B). IN THE EVENT A BUSINESS FIRM DOES NOT  
15 MAKE A MINIMUM OF 50% OF THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE APPROVED  
16 CONTRIBUTION AND HAS NOT NOTIFIED THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AMOUNT  
17 OF UNUSED CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN 14 DAYS OF APPROVAL, THE BUSINESS  
18 FIRM'S APPLICATION MAY NOT BE APPROVED IN THE IMMEDIATELY  
19 SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR FOR MORE THAN 150% OF THE ACTUAL AMOUNT  
20 CONTRIBUTED IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

21 \* \* \*

22 SECTION 2005-B. TAX CREDITS.

23 \* \* \*

24 (G) TIME OF APPLICATION FOR CREDITS.--

25 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), THE DEPARTMENT  
26 MAY ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE DURING A  
27 FISCAL YEAR NO EARLIER THAN JULY 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

28 (2) THE APPLICATION OF ANY BUSINESS FIRM FOR TAX CREDITS  
29 AVAILABLE DURING A FISCAL YEAR AS PART OF THE SECOND YEAR OF  
30 A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT OR AS A RENEWAL OF A TWO-YEAR

1 COMMITMENT WHICH WAS FULFILLED IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR  
2 MAY BE ACCEPTED NO EARLIER THAN MAY 15 PRECEDING THE FISCAL  
3 YEAR. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EARLY APPLICATION DATE  
4 UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, THE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDED IN THE  
5 SECOND YEAR OF A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT OR RENEWAL OF A TWO-YEAR  
6 COMMITMENT MUST BE MADE TO THE SAME TYPE OF ORGANIZATION.

7 (G.1) APPROVAL OF TAX CREDITS.--UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED  
8 BY THE BUSINESS FIRM AND AGREED TO BY BOTH THE BUSINESS FIRM AND  
9 THE DEPARTMENT, AND UNLESS ALL AUTHORIZED CREDITS HAVE ALREADY  
10 BEEN AWARDED:

11 (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
12 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF ITS  
13 APPROVAL TO EACH BUSINESS FIRM THAT SUBMITTED A COMPLETED  
14 APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (G) BY AUGUST 15, OR 30 DAYS  
15 FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS  
16 LATER.

17 (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
18 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF ITS  
19 APPROVAL TO EACH BUSINESS FIRM THAT SUBMITTED A COMPLETED  
20 APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (J) (2) WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING  
21 RECEIPT OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.

22 (3) SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT FAIL, FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST  
23 10 DAYS, TO TIMELY TRANSMIT ANY OF THE WRITTEN NOTICES  
24 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION, THE AFFECTED BUSINESS MAY BRING  
25 AN ACTION FOR INJUNCTION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN  
26 COMMONWEALTH COURT.

27 \* \* \*

28 SECTION 15.1. SECTION 2006-B(A) OF THE ACT, AMENDED NOVEMBER  
29 6, 2017 (P.L.1142, NO.55), IS AMENDED TO READ:  
30 SECTION 2006-B. LIMITATIONS.

1 (A) AMOUNT.--

2 (1) THE TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL TAX CREDITS  
3 APPROVED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESS FIRMS TO SCHOLARSHIP  
4 ORGANIZATIONS, EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PRE-  
5 KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED  
6 [\$135,000,000] \$160,000,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR.

7 (I) NO LESS THAN [\$85,000,000] \$110,000,000 OF THE  
8 TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE TAX  
9 CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESS FIRMS TO  
10 SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.

11 (II) NO LESS THAN \$37,500,000 OF THE TOTAL AGGREGATE  
12 AMOUNT SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE TAX CREDITS FOR  
13 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESS FIRMS TO EDUCATIONAL  
14 IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

15 (III) THE TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL TAX CREDITS  
16 APPROVED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESS FIRMS TO PRE-  
17 KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED  
18 \$12,500,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR.

19 (2) THE TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL TAX CREDITS  
20 APPROVED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESS FIRMS TO OPPORTUNITY  
21 SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED \$50,000,000 IN A  
22 FISCAL YEAR.

23 \* \* \*

24 SECTION 16. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING AN ARTICLE TO READ:

25 ARTICLE XX-H

26 HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY

27 AND TRANSPARENCY

28 Section 2001-H. Definitions.

29 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
30 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "College Navigator website." The College Navigator website  
3 or its successor website operated by the United States  
4 Department of Education and required pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §  
5 1015a (relating to transparency in college tuition for  
6 consumers).

7 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
8 Commonwealth.

9 "Graduation rates." The percentages of full-time  
10 undergraduate students enrolled for credit toward a degree,  
11 diploma, certificate or other formal credential who are awarded  
12 a degree, diploma or certificate within each of the following:

13 (1) 100% of the normal completion time for the student's  
14 program.

15 (2) 125% of the normal completion time for the student's  
16 program.

17 (3) 150% of the normal completion time for the student's  
18 program.

19 "Institution of higher education." The term includes any of  
20 the following:

21 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

22 (2) A university within the State System of Higher  
23 Education.

24 (3) The Pennsylvania State University, the University of  
25 Pittsburgh, Temple University, Lincoln University or any  
26 other institution designated as State-related by the  
27 Commonwealth.

28 (4) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

29 (5) A college established under Article XIX-G.

30 (6) An institution of higher education located in and

1 incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to  
2 confer degrees as set forth in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to  
3 power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards  
4 and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education  
5 under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges,  
6 universities and seminaries).

7 (7) A private school licensed under the act of December  
8 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed  
9 Schools Act.

10 (8) A foreign corporation approved to operate an  
11 educational enterprise under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 36 (relating to  
12 foreign corporation standards).

13 "Net tuition and fees." The average total cost of attendance  
14 minus the average amount of grant or scholarship aid awarded to  
15 a first-time, full-time undergraduate student enrolled for  
16 credit toward a degree, diploma, certificate or other formal  
17 credential from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth or the  
18 institution of higher education.

19 "PHEAA." The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
20 Agency.

21 "Retention rate." The percentage of first-year, full-time  
22 undergraduate students enrolled for credit toward a degree,  
23 diploma, certificate or other formal credential who continue to  
24 be enrolled at an institution of higher education in the  
25 following school year.

26 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area  
27 vocational-technical school, charter school, cyber charter  
28 school, or regional charter school.

29 "Total debt." The average per-student cumulative principal  
30 borrowed from a loan program, including Federal and State loan



1 programs, institutional loans and private alternate loans made  
2 by a bank or lender.

3 Section 2002-H. College Navigator and High Priority  
4 Occupations.

5 (a) Duties of department.--The department shall make  
6 available on the department's publicly accessible Internet  
7 website, in a single location, information that includes, at a  
8 minimum, the following:

9 (1) A direct link to the College Navigator website with  
10 a description of the uses and features of the College  
11 Navigator website.

12 (2) A direct link to the High Priority Occupations  
13 publicly accessible Internet website of the Department of  
14 Labor and Industry with a description of what high priority  
15 occupations are and how they are identified.

16 (b) Duty of PHEAA.--PHEAA shall include a link on its  
17 publicly accessible Internet website to information contained on  
18 the department's website under subsection (a).

19 (c) Duty of school entities.--Each school entity shall  
20 annually provide the information required under subsection (a)  
21 to students in grades nine through twelve.

22 Section 2003-H. Comparison tool.

23 (a) Duty of department.--If the United States Department of  
24 Education discontinues the publication of the College Navigator  
25 website, the department shall make available on the department's  
26 publicly accessible Internet website a search tool that allows  
27 an individual to compare institutions of higher education that  
28 meet certain criteria selected by the individual, including the  
29 offering of a particular major or program of study.

30 (b) Requirements.--The comparison tool required under this

1 section must:

2 (1) Be accessible from the department's publicly  
3 accessible Internet website.

4 (2) Allow a user to identify and compare institutions of  
5 higher education by the following:

6 (i) Programs of study available.

7 (ii) Name.

8 (iii) Physical address.

9 (iv) Total enrollment for the previous academic  
10 year.

11 (v) Net tuition and fees per year based on the  
12 previous academic year.

13 (vi) Percentages of students receiving:

14 (A) Pell grants.

15 (B) Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity  
16 grants.

17 (C) Academic Competitiveness grants.

18 (D) National Science and Mathematics Access to  
19 Retain Talent grants.

20 (E) Teacher Education Assistance for College and  
21 Higher Education grants.

22 (vii) Average total debt borrowed for undergraduate  
23 study.

24 (viii) Graduation and retention rates, including  
25 information on average time, in years, to attainment of a  
26 degree, diploma, certificate or other formal credential  
27 for a full-time student.

28 (ix) Percentage of undergraduate students who have  
29 defaulted on their Federal student loans within three  
30 years of entering repayment.

1           (x) Status as a nonprofit institution or for-profit  
2           institution.

3           (3) Be accessible to the public without requiring  
4           registration or use of a user name, password or other user  
5           identification.

6           (4) Include a link to the publicly accessible Internet  
7           website of the Department of Labor and Industry and a link to  
8           the publicly accessible Internet website of each of the  
9           institutions of higher education selected.

10           (5) Include a direct link to the High Priority  
11           Occupations publicly accessible Internet website of the  
12           Department of Labor and Industry with a description of what  
13           high priority occupations are and how they are identified.

14           (c) Chart.--The comparison tool required under this section  
15 must generate a comparison chart in a grid format that:

16           (1) Lists the institutions of higher education that  
17           match a user's search criteria.

18           (2) Provides information for each institution of higher  
19           education listed as outlined in subsection (b) (2).

20           (d) Duty of institutions.--If the department is required to  
21 develop the comparison tool under subsection (a), each  
22 institution of higher education shall provide the information  
23 listed in this section, as available, to the department not  
24 later than January 1 of each year. If the information required  
25 under this subsection is available in an institution of higher  
26 education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System  
27 report, the institution of higher education may comply with the  
28 reporting requirements of this subsection by sending an  
29 electronic copy of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data  
30 System report to the department. The department shall update the

1 comparison tool as soon as practicable after receiving  
2 information from each institution of higher education.

3 (e) Website.--PHEAA shall include a link on its publicly  
4 accessible Internet website to the comparison tool required  
5 under this section.

6 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~ <--

7 SECTION 17. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ: <--

8 SECTION 2322. STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

9 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY,  
10 EACH LIBRARY SUBJECT TO 24 PA.C.S. CH. 93 (RELATING TO PUBLIC  
11 LIBRARY CODE), SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR  
12 2018-2019, AS FOLLOWS:

13 (1) FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR LIBRARIES SHALL BE  
14 DISTRIBUTED TO EACH LIBRARY UNDER THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

15 (I) DIVIDE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THE LIBRARY  
16 RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 UNDER SECTION 2321 BY  
17 THE TOTAL STATE-AID SUBSIDY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

18 (II) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY  
19 THE TOTAL STATE-AID SUBSIDY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

20 (2) FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR  
21 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1), ANY REMAINING  
22 FUNDS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE  
23 LIBRARIAN.

24 (3) IF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR STATE AID TO LIBRARIES IN  
25 FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 ARE LESS THAN FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN  
26 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, THE STATE LIBRARIAN MAY WAIVE  
27 STANDARDS AS PRESCRIBED IN 24 PA.C.S. CH. 93.

28 (4) EACH LIBRARY SYSTEM RECEIVING STATE AID UNDER THIS  
29 SECTION MAY DISTRIBUTE THE LOCAL LIBRARY SHARE OF THAT AID IN  
30 A MANNER AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

1 LIBRARY SYSTEM.

2 (5) IN THE CASE OF A LIBRARY SYSTEM THAT CONTAINS A  
3 LIBRARY OPERATING IN A CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS, CHANGES TO  
4 THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID TO THE LIBRARY SHALL BE MADE BY  
5 MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

6 (6) IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER  
7 POPULATION PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AS A  
8 RESULT OF:

9 (I) A CITY, BOROUGH, TOWN, TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL DISTRICT  
10 OR COUNTY MOVING FROM ONE LIBRARY CENTER TO ANOTHER; OR

11 (II) A TRANSFER OF DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER STATUS TO  
12 A COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM;

13 FUNDING OF DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER AID SHALL BE PAID BASED ON  
14 THE POPULATION OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED OR RECONFIGURED  
15 DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER.

16 (7) IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN DIRECT SERVICE AREA FROM  
17 ONE LIBRARY TO ANOTHER, THE STATE LIBRARIAN, UPON AGREEMENT  
18 OF THE AFFECTED LIBRARIES, MAY REDISTRIBUTE THE LOCAL LIBRARY  
19 SHARE OF AID TO THE LIBRARY CURRENTLY SERVICING THE AREA.

20 SECTION 18. SECTIONS 2509.1(C.2), 2510.3(A)(2) AND 2599.6(A)  
21 OF THE ACT, AMENDED NOVEMBER 6, 2017 (P.L.1142, NO.55), ARE  
22 AMENDED TO READ:

23 SECTION 2509.1. PAYMENTS TO INTERMEDIATE UNITS.--\* \* \*

24 (C.2) THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

25 (1) FOR THE 2016-2017 [AND], 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 SCHOOL  
26 YEARS, FIVE AND FIVE-TENTHS PERCENT (5.5%) OF THE STATE SPECIAL  
27 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION SHALL BE PAID TO INTERMEDIATE UNITS ON  
28 ACCOUNT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES.

29 (2) THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%) OF THE AMOUNT UNDER PARAGRAPH  
30 (1) SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY AMONG ALL INTERMEDIATE UNITS.

1 (3) SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT (65%) OF THE AMOUNT UNDER PARAGRAPH  
2 (1) SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH INTERMEDIATE UNIT IN PROPORTION  
3 TO THE NUMBER OF AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMPONENT  
4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF EACH INTERMEDIATE UNIT AS COMPARED TO THE  
5 STATEWIDE TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP.

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7 SECTION 2510.3. ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED TO  
8 BE IN FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS OR IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL  
9 WATCH STATUS.-- (A) THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

10 \* \* \*

11 (2) FOR THE 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 FISCAL [YEAR] YEARS, THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY UTILIZE UP TO FIVE MILLION DOLLARS  
13 (\$5,000,000) OF UNDISTRIBUTED FUNDS NOT EXPENDED, ENCUMBERED OR  
14 COMMITTED FROM APPROPRIATIONS FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES MADE TO  
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED  
16 TO BE IN FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS UNDER SECTION 621-A,  
17 IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL WATCH STATUS UNDER SECTION 611-A OR  
18 IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL WATCH STATUS UNDER SECTION 694-A;  
19 EXCEPT THAT THE FUNDS MUST BE FIRST UTILIZED TO ACCOMPLISH THE  
20 PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 695-A. THE FUNDS SHALL BE  
21 TRANSFERRED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BUDGET TO A RESTRICTED  
22 ACCOUNT AS NECESSARY TO MAKE PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION AND,  
23 WHEN TRANSFERRED, ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO CARRY OUT THE  
24 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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26 SECTION 2599.6. READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT.-- (A) FOR THE  
27 2016-2017 [AND], 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEARS, EACH  
28 SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL RECEIVE A READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT [AS  
29 FOLLOWS] IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE SUM OF:

30 (1) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL ENTITY RECEIVED

1 DURING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER SECTION 2599.2.

2 (2) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL ENTITY RECEIVED  
3 DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER SECTION 1722-J(21) (II) OF  
4 THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL  
5 CODE.

6 (3) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL ENTITY RECEIVED  
7 DURING THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR UNDER SECTION 1722-L(21) (I) (C)  
8 OF THE FISCAL CODE.

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10 SECTION 19. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2018, OR  
11 IMMEDIATELY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.