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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 14, 2021

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 reimbursements by Commonwealth and
6 between school districts, further providing for student-
7 weighted basic education funding.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2502.53 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 2502.53. Student-Weighted Basic Education Funding.--

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15 (c.1) For the 2020-21 school year and each school year
16 thereafter, the Commonwealth shall pay to qualifying school
17 districts under this subsection a leveling-up supplement that
18 shall be allocated as follows:

19 (1) There shall be a determination of the qualifying school
20 districts with an amount less than or equal to the amount that

1 represents the twentieth (20th) percentile for all school
2 districts in the following calculation:

3 (i) For each school district, the sum of the amount of
4 student weights calculated under subsection (c)(1)(ii), (iii),
5 (iv) and (v) and the amount of weighted special education
6 headcounts calculated under section 2509.5(bbb)(2)(i).

7 (ii) For each school district, divide the current
8 expenditures as reported on the most recent audited data
9 reported to the Department of Education by the sum calculated
10 for the school district in subparagraph (i).

11 (iii) For each school district, calculate the average of the
12 quotients calculated under subparagraph (ii) for the preceding
13 five (5) fiscal years for which payments have been appropriated
14 under this section and for which the data used to make the
15 calculations under subsections (b)(2) and (c) are available.

16 (2) Qualifying school districts determined under paragraph
17 (1) shall receive an amount calculated as follows:

18 (i) For each qualifying school district, multiply the
19 product in subsection (b)(2)(i) by the amount appropriated for
20 the allocation under this paragraph.

21 (ii) Divide the product in subparagraph (i) by the sum of
22 the products in subsection (b)(2)(i) for all qualifying school
23 districts.

24 (3) Payments received in a school year by qualifying school
25 districts under this subsection shall be included in the
26 calculation under subsection (b)(1) in every subsequent school
27 year thereafter.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.