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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 22, 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, providing for accelerated fair
7 funding.

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

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

13 Section 2502.55. Accelerated Fair Funding.--(a) The General
14 Assembly finds and declares that, to fulfill its duties to
15 maintain and support a thorough and efficient system of public
16 education to serve the needs of this Commonwealth under section
17 14 of Article III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the
18 inequities resulting from not applying the student-weighted
19 basic education funding formula to all basic education funding
20 must be corrected by prioritizing new funding for school

1 districts receiving less than their fair share of State basic
2 education funding.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the
4 contrary, for the 2020-2021 school year through the 2030-2031
5 school year, the lesser of \$150,000,000 or the annual positive
6 change in the amount appropriated for payment of basic education
7 funding to school districts shall be distributed to school
8 districts receiving less than their fair share of State basic
9 education funding.

10 (c) A school district receiving less than the school
11 district's fair share shall receive a prorated share of the
12 amount determined in subsection (b) based upon the share of the
13 total of the negative differences calculated in subsection (d)
14 (3).

15 (d) The process for determining school districts receiving
16 less than their fair share of State basic education funding
17 under this section shall be as follows:

18 (1) For each school district, multiply the product in
19 section 2502.53(b)(2)(i) by the total amount allocated to school
20 districts in section 2502.53(b)(1).

21 (2) For each school district, divide the product in
22 paragraph (1) by the sum of the products in section 2502.53(b)
23 (2)(i) for all school districts.

24 (3) For each school district, subtract the quotient in
25 paragraph (2) from the school district's allocation in section
26 2502.53(b)(1).

27 (e) For purposes of this section, a school district receives
28 less than the school district's fair share of State basic
29 education funding if the calculation for the school district
30 results in a negative difference under subsection (d)(3).

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.