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SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, JULY 5, 1988

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 an environmental~~ <—
6 ~~education program and activities of the program; and~~
7 ~~authorizing the appointment of an Advisory Council on~~
8 ~~Environmental Education and specifying its duties.~~ INCREASING <—
9 THE AMOUNT OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S SHARE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
10 COSTS; AND CHANGING THE FORMULA FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
11 BASIC EDUCATION SUBSIDY.

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

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

17 ~~Section 1548. Environmental Education Program. (a) The~~
18 ~~Department of Education shall provide an Environmental Education~~
19 ~~Program which shall include, but not be limited to, the~~
20 ~~following activities:~~

21 ~~(1) Assessment of the status of environmental education in~~

~~Pennsylvania.~~

~~(2) Development of suggested curriculum guidelines for environmental education in Pennsylvania based on State Board of Education curriculum regulations, 22 Pa. Code Ch. 5 (relating to curriculum requirements), to be presented to the Secretary of Education.~~

~~(3) Preparation of an annual report to the Governor, the State Board of Education and the majority and minority chairmen of the House Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee, outlining environmental education programs and achievements, highlighting new initiatives and recommending future program needs.~~

~~(4) Providing technical assistance to public and private education agencies and local public or private community groups or agencies.~~

~~(5) Entering into contracts with or making grants to public and private education agencies and local public or private community groups or agencies.~~

~~(b) At the discretion of the Secretary of Education, an Advisory Council on Environmental Education may be created:~~

~~(1) Membership of the council shall consist of thirteen members, seven appointed by the Secretary of Education and six appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Resources.~~

~~(2) Members shall be appointed for a five year term. The initial term for three members appointed by the Secretary of Education and two members appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Resources shall be five years; two members appointed by the Secretary of Education and two members appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Resources shall be three years; and two members appointed by the Secretary of~~

~~Education and two members appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Resources shall be one year. A member may be appointed for more than one term and shall serve until a successor has been appointed. Members shall not be compensated, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses in accordance with prevailing Commonwealth procedures and policies.~~

~~(3) For the purpose of the organizational meeting, the Secretary of Education shall serve as acting chairperson. During this meeting, the council membership shall elect a chairperson to serve a one year term.~~

~~(4) The Secretary of Education shall designate a staff person to serve as an ex officio member and as secretary to the council.~~

~~(5) In conjunction with the Secretary of Education, the council will adopt bylaws for governing its operations.~~

~~(6) Duties of the advisory council shall include:~~

~~(i) Making recommendations to the Secretary of Education with respect to the use of funds appropriated.~~

~~(ii) Reviewing grant proposals and making recommendations to the Secretary of Education for approval or disapproval.~~

~~(iii) Advising and assisting the Secretary of Education in conducting a continual assessment of the trends and needs in environmental education on a local, national and global basis.~~

~~(iv) Developing a program of information dissemination and communication with private and public agencies.~~

~~(v) Making recommendations to the Secretary of Education regarding necessary regulation changes, legislative initiatives, etc.~~

~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

SECTION 1. SECTION 1913-A(B)(1) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 <—

1 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, ADDED
2 JULY 1, 1985 (P.L.103, NO.31), IS AMENDED TO READ:

3 SECTION 1913-A. FINANCIAL PROGRAM; REIMBURSEMENT OR
4 PAYMENTS.--* * *

5 (B) (1) THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6 ON BEHALF OF THE SPONSOR ON ACCOUNT OF ITS OPERATING COSTS
7 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE
8 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF SUCH COLLEGE'S APPROVED
9 OPERATING COSTS NOT TO EXCEED [TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS
10 (\$2,400)] THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) PER STUDENT MULTIPLIED
11 BY THE NUMBER OF EQUIVALENT FULL-TIME STUDENTS DETERMINED BY AN
12 AUDIT TO BE MADE IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
13 EDUCATION.

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15 SECTION 2. SECTIONS 2501(19) AND 2502.5(B) AND (E) OF THE
16 ACT, AMENDED JULY 10, 1987 (P.L.286, NO.50), ARE AMENDED TO
17 READ:

18 SECTION 2501. DEFINITIONS.--FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE
19 THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

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21 (19) "FACTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE." FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS
22 1982-1983 AND 1983-1984, THE FACTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE USED
23 TO COMPUTE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENTITLEMENTS TO PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT
24 OF INSTRUCTION, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (D) OF SECTION
25 2502, SHALL BE ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS
26 (\$1,656) UNLESS LATER CHANGED BY STATUTE. FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
27 1983-1984, THE FACTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE SHALL BE ONE
28 THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,725), UNLESS
29 LATER CHANGED BY STATUTE, FOR THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
30 PARTICIPATING, DURING THE 1984-1985 SCHOOL YEAR, IN A STATEWIDE

1 PROGRAM FOR TESTING AND REMEDIATION WHICH IS DESIGNED TO
2 IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE REMEDIATION SERVICES TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS
3 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1511.1. FOR THE 1984-1985 SCHOOL YEAR,
4 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT TO THE
5 CONTRARY, THE FACTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE USED TO COMPUTE ALL
6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ENTITLEMENTS TO PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF
7 INSTRUCTION, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (D) OF SECTION 2502,
8 SHALL BE ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS
9 (\$1,875). FOR THE 1985-1986 SCHOOL YEAR, THE FACTOR FOR
10 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE USED TO COMPUTE ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS'
11 ENTITLEMENTS TO PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF INSTRUCTION, AS PROVIDED
12 FOR IN SUBSECTION (D) OF SECTION 2502, SHALL BE ONE THOUSAND
13 NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$1,970). FOR THE 1986-1987 SCHOOL
14 YEAR [AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER], THE FACTOR FOR
15 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE USED TO COMPUTE ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS'
16 ENTITLEMENTS TO PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF INSTRUCTION, AS PROVIDED
17 FOR IN SUBSECTION (D) OF SECTION 2502, SHALL BE TWO THOUSAND ONE
18 HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,125). FOR THE 1987-1988 SCHOOL
19 YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE FACTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL
20 EXPENSE USED TO COMPUTE ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ENTITLEMENTS TO
21 PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF INSTRUCTION, AS PROVIDED FOR IN
22 SUBSECTION (D) OF SECTION 2502, SHALL BE TWO THOUSAND TWO
23 HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$2,230).

24 SECTION 2502.5. LIMITATION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS.--* * *

25 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW, FOR THE
26 SCHOOL YEAR 1982-1983 AND 1983-1984, NO SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE
27 PAID UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502 AND SECTION
28 2502.11 OR, FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1984-1985 AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR
29 THEREAFTER, NO SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID UNDER SUBSECTIONS
30 (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502, SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,

1 SECTION 2502.11 AND SECTION 2502.13 OR, FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
2 1985-1986, NO SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID UNDER SUBSECTIONS
3 (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502, SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,
4 SECTION 2502.11, SECTION 2502.13, SECTION 2502.14 AND SECTION
5 2502.15 OR, FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1986-1987, NO SCHOOL DISTRICT
6 SHALL BE PAID UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502,
7 SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, SECTION 2502.11, SECTION 2502.13
8 AND SECTION 2502.15 OR, FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1987-1988, NO SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION
10 2502, SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, SECTION 2502.11, SECTION
11 2052.13 AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE
12 TOTAL REIMBURSABLE INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT. FOR THE 1982-1983 SCHOOL YEAR, ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS
14 QUALIFYING FOR PAYMENTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION
15 2502 AND SECTION 2502.11 SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN INCREASE PAYMENT
16 ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE SECTIONS WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED NINE PERCENT
17 (9%) OVER THE SUMS RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF SECTION 2502.9 FOR THE
18 1981-1982 SCHOOL YEAR, NOR SHALL ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVE AN
19 INCREASE OF LESS THAN TWO PERCENT (2%) OF THE 1982-1983 SCHOOL
20 YEAR PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE 1981-1982 SCHOOL YEAR. FOR THE
21 1984-1985 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALIFYING FOR
22 PAYMENTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502 AND
23 SECTION 2502.11 SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN INCREASE PAYMENT ON
24 ACCOUNT OF THOSE SECTIONS WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHT AND
25 FORTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT (8.45%) OVER THE SUMS RECEIVED
26 ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH SECTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1983-1984, NOR
27 SHALL ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVE AN INCREASE OF LESS THAN TWO
28 PERCENT (2%) OF SUCH PAYMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1983-1984:
29 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH PAYMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1983-
30 1984 SHALL BE COMPUTED USING A FACTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE OF

1 ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,656) AND A
2 MAXIMUM PAYMENT INCREASE OF SEVEN AND FORTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS
3 PERCENT (7.45%) AND A MINIMUM PAYMENT INCREASE OF TWO PERCENT
4 (2%) AND THE EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) GUARANTEE PROVIDED FOR IN
5 SECTION 2502.5(E). FOR THE 1985-1986 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT QUALIFYING FOR PAYMENTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E)
7 OF SECTION 2502, SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION
8 2502.11 SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN INCREASE PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF
9 THOSE SECTIONS WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVEN PERCENT (7%) OVER
10 THE SUMS RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH SECTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL
11 YEAR 1984-1985, NOR SHALL ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVE AN
12 INCREASE LESS THAN TWO PERCENT (2%) OF SUCH PAYMENTS FOR THE
13 SCHOOL YEAR 1984-1985. FOR THE 1986-1987 SCHOOL YEAR [AND EACH
14 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER], EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALIFYING FOR
15 PAYMENTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502,
16 SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 2502.11 SHALL BE
17 LIMITED TO AN INCREASE PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE SECTIONS
18 WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHT PERCENT (8%) OVER THE SUMS RECEIVED
19 ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH SECTIONS AND SECTION 2502.14 FOR THE SCHOOL
20 YEAR 1985-1986, NOR SHALL ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVE AN
21 INCREASE LESS THAN TWO PERCENT (2%) OF SUCH PAYMENT FOR THE
22 SCHOOL YEAR 1985-1986. FOR THE 1987-1988 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH
23 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALIFYING FOR
24 PAYMENTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502,
25 SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 2502.11 SHALL BE
26 LIMITED TO AN INCREASE PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE SECTIONS
27 WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHT PERCENT (8%) OVER THE SUMS RECEIVED
28 ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH SECTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1986-1987, NOR
29 SHALL ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVE AN INCREASE LESS THAN TWO
30 PERCENT (2%) OF SUCH PAYMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1986-1987.

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2 (E) FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS 1983-1984 AND 1984-1985, NO SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID UNDER SUBSECTIONS(D) AND (E) OF SECTION
4 2502 AND UNDER SECTION 2502.11 LESS THAN EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) OF
5 THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO WHICH IT IS ENTITLED UNDER SAID SECTIONS,
6 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES IN SUCH PAYMENTS
7 ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE CONTRARY. FOR THE SCHOOL
8 YEAR 1985-1986, NO SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID UNDER
9 SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502 AND UNDER SECTION
10 2502.11 LESS THAN EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT (85%) OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT
11 TO WHICH IT IS ENTITLED UNDER SAID SECTIONS, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY
12 LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES IN SUCH PAYMENTS ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY TO THE CONTRARY. FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1986-1987 [AND
14 EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER], NO SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID
15 UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502 AND UNDER SECTION
16 2502.11 LESS THAN NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO
17 WHICH IT IS ENTITLED UNDER SAID SECTIONS, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY
18 LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES IN SUCH PAYMENTS ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY TO THE CONTRARY. FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1987-1988 AND EACH
20 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, NO SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE PAID UNDER
21 SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF SECTION 2502 AND UNDER SECTION
22 2502.11 LESS THAN NINETY-SIX POINT THREE PERCENT (96.3%) OF THE
23 TOTAL AMOUNT TO WHICH IT IS ENTITLED UNDER SAID SECTIONS, NOT
24 WITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS OR INCREASES IN SUCH PAYMENTS
25 ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE CONTRARY. FOR THE SCHOOL
26 YEAR 1983-1984, PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE COMPUTED
27 USING A FACTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE OF ONE THOUSAND SIX
28 HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,656) AND A MAXIMUM PAYMENT
29 INCREASE OF SEVEN AND FORTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT (7.45%)
30 AND A MINIMUM PAYMENT INCREASE OF TWO PERCENT (2%). FOR THE

1 SCHOOL YEAR 1984-1985 AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, PAYMENTS
2 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE COMPUTED USING THE FACTOR FOR
3 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2501(19) AND MINIMUM
4 AND MAXIMUM INCREASE LIMITS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (B) OF
5 THIS SECTION. NO SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL, AS A RESULT OF THIS
6 SUBSECTION, BE PAID AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
7 (100%) OF THE TOTAL REIMBURSABLE INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENDITURES OF
8 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

9 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.