

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2128 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, ARGALL, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BOYD, BUNT,
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REED, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, B. SMITH, STERN,
TIGUE, TRUE, WATSON, WILT AND WRIGHT, OCTOBER 27, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, OCTOBER 27, 2003

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 continuation funding.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

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

11 Section 2597. Basic Education Subsidy Continuation
12 Funding.--(a) If legislation providing an appropriation for the
13 basic education subsidy is not enacted by August 15, subject to
14 subsections (b) and (c), an amount equal to the amount
15 appropriated for the basic education subsidy in the previous
16 fiscal year is hereby appropriated from unappropriated revenue
17 to the Department of Education.

1 (b) If the revenue projected by the revenue estimates under
2 section 618 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
3 as "The Administrative Code of 1929," for the current fiscal
4 year is less than the actual revenue for the previous fiscal
5 year, funding under subsection (a) shall be reduced as follows:

6 (1) Determine the ratio of actual revenue to projected
7 revenue.

8 (2) Multiply the fraction under clause (1) by the amount of
9 funding under subsection (a).

10 (c) An appropriation provided under this section shall only
11 be in effect during the time in which no basic education subsidy
12 appropriation has been enacted and shall be made only in the
13 amount necessary to meet each basic education subsidy payment to
14 the school districts pursuant to the payment schedule under
15 section 2517(c).

16 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the
17 board of school directors of each school district may reopen its
18 budget to reflect funding provided under this section.

19 Section 2. This act shall apply to fiscal years beginning
20 after June 30, 2003.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.