
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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," further providing for State
6 reimbursements for charter and cyber charter schools.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2591.1 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended December 23, 2003 (P.L.304, No.48) and July 20, 2007
12 (P.L.278, No.45), is amended to read:

13 Section 2591.1. Commonwealth Reimbursements for Charter
14 Schools and Cyber Charter Schools.--(a) For the 2001-2002
15 school year, the Commonwealth shall pay to each school district
16 with resident students enrolled in a charter school, a charter
17 school approved under section 1717-A or 1718-A which provides
18 instruction through the Internet or other electronic means or a
19 cyber charter school as defined pursuant to Article XVII-A an

1 amount equal to thirty percent (30%) of the total funding
2 required under section 1725-A(a). If insufficient funds are
3 appropriated to make Commonwealth reimbursements under this
4 section, the reimbursements shall be made on a pro rata basis.

5 (b) For the 2002-2003 school year, the Commonwealth shall
6 pay to each school district that received funding under
7 subsection (a) for the 2001-2002 school year and that had
8 resident students enrolled in a charter school, a charter school
9 approved under section 1717-A or 1718-A which provides
10 instruction through the Internet or other electronic means or a
11 cyber charter school as defined under Article XVII-A during the
12 2002-2003 school year an amount equal to the lesser of:

13 (1) the payment received for the 2001-2002 school year
14 pursuant to subsection (a); or

15 (2) thirty percent (30%) of the total funding required under
16 section 1725-A(a).

17 (c) For the 2002-2003 school year, the Commonwealth shall
18 pay to each school district that did not receive funding under
19 subsection (a) for the 2001-2002 school year and that had
20 resident students enrolled in a charter school, a charter school
21 approved under section 1717-A or 1718-A which provides
22 instruction through the Internet or other electronic means or a
23 cyber charter school as defined under Article XVII-A during the
24 2002-2003 school year an amount equal to thirty percent (30%) of
25 the total funding required under section 1725-A(a).

26 (c.1) (1) For the 2003-2004 school year and each school
27 year thereafter, except [for the 2006-2007 school year] as
28 provided under paragraph (2), the Commonwealth shall pay to each
29 school district with resident students enrolled during the
30 immediately preceding school year in a charter school, a charter

1 school approved under section 1717-A or 1718-A which provides
2 instruction through the Internet or other electronic means or a
3 cyber charter school as defined under Article XVII-A, an amount
4 equal to thirty percent (30%) of the total funding required
5 under section 1725-A(a).

6 (2) For the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school [year] years, the
7 payment required under this subsection shall be equal to thirty-
8 two and forty-five hundredths percent (32.45%) of the amount
9 required under section 1725-A(a), where the school district has:

10 (i) average daily membership of resident students enrolled
11 in a charter school, a charter school approved under section
12 1717-A or 1718-A which provides instruction through the Internet
13 or other electronic means or a cyber charter school as defined
14 under Article XVII-A equal to or greater than twelve percent
15 (12%) of the school district's [2006-2007] average daily
16 membership for the school year;

17 (ii) a [2007-2008] market value/income aid ratio for the
18 school year of equal to or greater than six thousand ten
19 thousandths (.6000); and

20 (iii) made payments equal to or greater than one million
21 dollars (\$1,000,000) as required under section 1725-A(a).

22 (d) (1) For the fiscal year 2003-2004 and each fiscal year
23 thereafter, if insufficient funds are appropriated to make
24 Commonwealth payments pursuant to this section, such payments
25 shall be made on a pro rata basis.

26 (2) For fiscal year 2007-2008, when determining if
27 sufficient funds are available, the Department of Education
28 shall include in the calculation two million dollars
29 (\$2,000,000) in addition to the funds appropriated to the
30 Department of Education for this purpose.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, or
2 immediately, whichever is later.