

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1499 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY ERICKSON, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, RAFFERTY,
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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," in pupils and attendance, further
6 providing for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain
7 exceptional children in approved institutions and for actual
8 cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional
9 children in the four chartered schools for education of the
10 deaf and the blind.

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

13 Section 1. Sections 1376(a.2)(1) and 1376.1(b.2)(1) of the
14 act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public
15 School Code of 1949, amended July 4, 2004 (P.L.536, No.70), are
16 amended to read:

17 Section 1376. Cost of Tuition and Maintenance of Certain
18 Exceptional Children in Approved Institutions.--* * *

19 (a.2) For the 2005-2006 school year and each school year
20 thereafter, the Department of Education shall determine the
21 payment amount for each approved private school for all students

enrolled in an approved private school for the prior school year as follows:

(1) (i) Multiply the payment determined for the immediate preceding school year by one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the percentage increase in the appropriation for special education for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which payments under this subsection are made.

(ii) Add the product from subparagraph (i) to the payment determined for the immediate preceding school year.

(iii) In any fiscal year in which there is no increase in the State appropriation for special education, the increase for the approved private schools in any following fiscal year shall be calculated by applying the multiplier in subparagraph (i) to the percentage increase in the appropriation of the approved private schools from the last fiscal year in which there was an increase in the approved private schools' State appropriations.

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Section 1376.1. Actual Cost of Tuition and Maintenance of Certain Exceptional Children in the Four Chartered Schools for Education of the Deaf and the Blind.--* * *

(b.2) Payments are as follows:

(1) For the 2005-2006 school year and each school year thereafter, the department shall determine the payment amount for each chartered school for all students enrolled in a chartered school for the prior school year as follows:

(i) Multiply the payment determined for the immediate preceding school year by one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the percentage increase in the appropriation for special education for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which payments under this subsection are made.

(ii) Add the product under subparagraph (i) to the payment determined for the immediately preceding school year.

(iii) In any fiscal year in which there is no increase in the State appropriation for special education, the increase for the chartered schools for the deaf and blind in any following fiscal year shall be calculated by applying the multiplier in subparagraph (i) to the percentage increase in the appropriation of the chartered schools from the last fiscal year in which there was an increase in the chartered schools' State appropriations.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.