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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 16, 2013

AN ACT

1 ~~Providing for the establishment of a searchable budget database <--~~  
2 ~~driven Internet website detailing certain information~~  
3 ~~concerning taxpayer expenditures and investments by school~~  
4 ~~districts.~~  
5 PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR PUBLIC <--  
6 SCHOOL ENTITIES, FOR THE CONVENING OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
7 FOR POSTING OF FINAL ADOPTED BUDGETS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
8 ENTITIES AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ESTABLISHMENT  
9 OF A SEARCHABLE INTERNET WEBSITE DETAILING CERTAIN  
10 INFORMATION CONCERNING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY PUBLIC  
11 SCHOOL ENTITIES.  
12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:  
14 ~~Section 1. Short title. <--~~  
15 ~~This act shall be known and may be cited as the School~~  
16 ~~District Web Accountability and Transparency (SchoolWATCH) Act.~~  
17 ~~Section 2. Definitions.~~  
18 ~~The following words and phrases when used in this act shall~~  
19 ~~have the meanings given to them in this section unless the~~  
20 ~~context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

1 ~~"Department." The Department of Education of the~~  
2 ~~Commonwealth.~~

3 ~~"Entity." Any of the following:~~

4 ~~(1) An individual, corporation, association, union,~~  
5 ~~limited liability company or limited liability partnership.~~

6 ~~(2) Any other legal business entity, including a~~  
7 ~~nonprofit, a grantee, a contractor and a sole proprietor.~~

8 ~~(3) Any political subdivision or other local government~~  
9 ~~entity.~~

10 ~~"Funding action or expenditure." A payment by a school~~  
11 ~~district to include:~~

12 ~~(1) A grant.~~

13 ~~(2) A loan.~~

14 ~~(3) Reimbursement.~~

15 ~~(4) Payment made pursuant to the purchase of goods and~~  
16 ~~services, including employee salaries, or to a construction~~  
17 ~~or other contract.~~

18 ~~(5) Payment of debt service.~~

19 ~~(6) Payments made pursuant to a formula.~~

20 ~~(7) Payments to political subdivisions or other local~~  
21 ~~government entities.~~

22 ~~"Funding source." A school district's general fund or~~  
23 ~~special funds.~~

24 ~~"Public School Code of 1949." The act of March 10, 1949~~  
25 ~~(P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.~~

26 ~~"School district." As defined in section 102 of the act of~~  
27 ~~March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code~~  
28 ~~of 1949.~~

29 ~~Section 3. Searchable database.~~

30 ~~(a) Development. By December 31, 2014, the department shall~~

1 ~~develop, implement and maintain a single, searchable, public-~~  
2 ~~Internet website to be called SchoolWATCH.~~

3 ~~(b) Internet website contents. The Internet website-~~  
4 ~~required pursuant to subsection (a) shall provide the following-~~  
5 ~~information for each school district:~~

6 ~~(1) The name and address of the school district.~~

7 ~~(2) The amount of funding received by the school-~~  
8 ~~district from Federal, State, local and private sources and-~~  
9 ~~deposited in the school district's general fund or special-~~  
10 ~~fund during the previous month.~~

11 ~~(3) The name and address of the entity receiving a-~~  
12 ~~payment from the school district pursuant to a funding action-~~  
13 ~~or expenditure.~~

14 ~~(4) A description and the amount of each funding action-~~  
15 ~~or expenditure.~~

16 ~~(5) The funding source for each funding action or-~~  
17 ~~expenditure.~~

18 ~~(6) The expected and achieved performance outcomes from-~~  
19 ~~the funding action or expenditure, if available.~~

20 ~~(7) A counter to show the number of times the Internet-~~  
21 ~~website is accessed.~~

22 ~~(8) A link to each school district's Internet website,~~  
23 ~~where available.~~

24 ~~(9) The total number of individuals employed by each-~~  
25 ~~school district as of the 15th day of the previous month.~~

26 ~~(10) For each individual employed by a school district,~~  
27 ~~the following:~~

28 ~~(i) Name.~~

29 ~~(ii) Position or title.~~

30 ~~(iii) Current annual salary, based on the employee's-~~

1 ~~pay schedule and current salary.~~

2 ~~(iv) Any additional compensation received by the~~  
3 ~~individual and the basis for such compensation,~~  
4 ~~including, but not limited to, duties as a coach or~~  
5 ~~activity advisor.~~

6 ~~(v) Compensation, as defined in section 303(a)(1)(i)~~  
7 ~~of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the~~  
8 ~~Tax Reform Code of 1971, paid by the school district.~~

9 ~~(c) Exemption. Notwithstanding any other provision of this~~  
10 ~~act, records not subject to disclosure under the act of February~~  
11 ~~14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right to Know Law, shall~~  
12 ~~not be included on the Internet website.~~

13 ~~(d) Access. The Internet website shall allow the public to~~  
14 ~~search for and aggregate information at no cost.~~

15 ~~(e) Maintenance. Information for a fiscal year shall remain~~  
16 ~~on the Internet website for a period of no less than eight years~~  
17 ~~from the date of posting.~~

18 ~~Section 4. Administration.~~

19 ~~(a) School district requirements. Each school district~~  
20 ~~shall cooperate with the department. The following shall apply:~~

21 ~~(1) Each school district shall provide the department~~  
22 ~~with all information regarding Federal, State, local and~~  
23 ~~private funding received and all funding actions or~~  
24 ~~expenditures as required under this act at the time the~~  
25 ~~funding is received or the funding action or expenditure is~~  
26 ~~paid by the school district.~~

27 ~~(2) Each school district shall provide the department~~  
28 ~~with complement and employment compensation information as~~  
29 ~~required under this act prior to the end of each month.~~

30 ~~(b) Accuracy. Each school district is responsible for~~

1 ~~verifying the accuracy and completeness of information submitted~~  
2 ~~to the department.~~

3 ~~(c) Format. Each school district shall establish and~~  
4 ~~maintain the information required to be posted under section 3-~~  
5 ~~in a manner prescribed by the department. The department shall~~  
6 ~~consult with school districts to develop the format to be~~  
7 ~~utilized.~~

8 ~~(d) Penalty. A school district that fails to comply with~~  
9 ~~the provisions of this act shall be subject to withholding of~~  
10 ~~State appropriations pursuant to section 2552 of the Public~~  
11 ~~School Code of 1949.~~

12 ~~Section 5. Report to Governor and General Assembly.~~

13 ~~The department shall prepare an annual report containing~~  
14 ~~statistical information on the usage and performance of the~~  
15 ~~Internet website. The report shall contain frequency of user~~  
16 ~~access of the Internet website, types of data being accessed and~~  
17 ~~Internet website performance. The report shall be submitted to~~  
18 ~~the Governor, the chairman and minority chairman of the~~  
19 ~~Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chairman and~~  
20 ~~minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House~~  
21 ~~of Representatives, the chairman and minority chairman of the~~  
22 ~~Education Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority~~  
23 ~~chairman of the Education Committee of the House of~~  
24 ~~Representatives by March 30 of each year, beginning March 30,~~  
25 ~~2016.~~

26 ~~Section 6. Effective date.~~

27 ~~This act shall take effect immediately.~~

28 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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29 THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
30 WEB ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY (SCHOOLWATCH) ACT.

1 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

2 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ACT SHALL  
3 HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
4 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

5 "ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF." EMPLOYEES OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY  
6 THAT INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, SUPERINTENDENTS, ASSISTANT  
7 SUPERINTENDENTS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT  
8 PRINCIPALS, SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS, DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS.

9 "AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL." AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
10 1841 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE  
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

12 "CHARTER SCHOOL." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1703-A OF THE ACT OF  
13 MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE  
14 OF 1949.

15 "CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1703-A OF THE  
16 ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC  
17 SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

18 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE  
19 COMMONWEALTH.

20 "ENTITY." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 (1) A CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY  
22 COMPANY OR LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP.

23 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC  
24 SCHOOL ENTITY.

25 (3) ANY OTHER LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY, INCLUDING A  
26 NONPROFIT, A GRANTEE, A CONTRACTOR AND A SOLE PROPRIETOR.

27 (4) ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
28 ENTITY.

29 "FUNDING ACTION OR EXPENDITURE." A PAYMENT BY A PUBLIC  
30 SCHOOL ENTITY TO INCLUDE:

1 (1) A GRANT.  
2 (2) A LOAN.  
3 (3) REIMBURSEMENT.  
4 (4) PAYMENT MADE PURSUANT TO THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND  
5 SERVICES, EXCLUDING EMPLOYEE SALARIES, OR TO A CONSTRUCTION  
6 OR OTHER CONTRACT.

7 (5) PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE.

8 (6) PAYMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO A FORMULA.

9 (7) PAYMENTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR OTHER LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

11 "FUNDING SOURCE." A PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY'S GENERAL FUND OR  
12 SPECIAL FUNDS.

13 "PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949." THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949  
14 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

15 "PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (1) AN AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN  
17 SECTION 1841 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

18 (2) A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 102 OF THE  
19 PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

20 (3) A CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL OR REGIONAL  
21 CHARTER SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1703-A OF THE PUBLIC  
22 SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

23 "REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1703-A OF  
24 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

25 "SCHOOL DISTRICT." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 102 OF THE PUBLIC  
26 SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.

27 "SCHOOLWATCH." THE SINGLE, SEARCHABLE, PUBLIC INTERNET  
28 WEBSITE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER  
29 THIS ACT.

30 "SECRETARY." THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 SECTION 3. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO BE POSTED.

2 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, AND BY  
3 DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST  
4 ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE, AS THE FIRST PHASE  
5 OF A SINGLE, SEARCHABLE, PUBLIC INTERNET WEBSITE TO BE CALLED  
6 SCHOOLWATCH, THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR EACH  
7 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY PURSUANT TO  
8 SECTION 218(A) OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949. THE DEPARTMENT  
9 SHALL POST SCHOOLWATCH IN A LOCATION AND IN A MANNER THAT IS  
10 EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND SHALL INCLUDE ON SCHOOLWATCH  
11 ALL EXPLANATORY REFERENCES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSIST  
12 WEBSITE USERS IN UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL  
13 ENTITIES' ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS.

14 SECTION 4. ANNUAL BUDGETS TO BE POSTED.

15 (A) FILING.--WITHIN 11 MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
16 ACT, AND BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH PUBLIC  
17 SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AN ELECTRONIC COPY  
18 OF ITS MOST RECENT FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET.

19 (B) POSTING.--WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
20 ACT, AND BY OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT  
21 SHALL POST ON SCHOOLWATCH, AS THE SECOND PHASE OF SCHOOLWATCH,  
22 THE FINAL ADOPTED BUDGETS FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY FILED  
23 WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) AND SHALL INCLUDE  
24 ON SCHOOLWATCH ALL EXPLANATORY REFERENCES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY  
25 TO ASSIST WEBSITE USERS IN UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT OF PUBLIC  
26 SCHOOL ENTITIES' FINAL ADOPTED BUDGETS.

27 SECTION 5. SEARCHABLE DATABASE.

28 (A) DEVELOPMENT.--

29 (1) WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT,  
30 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP



1 A PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THIRD PHASE  
2 OF SCHOOLWATCH, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF A SEARCHABLE DATABASE  
3 DETAILING CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING RECEIPTS AND  
4 EXPENDITURES BY PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITIES.

5 (2) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
6 PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, TO BE  
7 APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY IN CONSULTATION WITH EDUCATION  
8 ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOL  
9 ENTITIES AND AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS:

10 (I) FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MANAGERS.

11 (II) THREE CHARTER SCHOOL ENTITY BUSINESS MANAGERS.

12 (III) THREE AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
13 BUSINESS MANAGERS.

14 (IV) THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE  
15 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

16 (V) THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE  
17 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

18 (3) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
19 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (1):

20 (I) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL:

21 (A) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S  
22 ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEARCHABLE, PUBLIC INTERNET  
23 DATABASE, WHICH SHALL IMPOSE NO ADDITIONAL COST ON  
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITIES, THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
25 ESTABLISH, PLACE ONLINE AND FULLY IMPLEMENT AS THE  
26 THIRD PHASE OF SCHOOLWATCH WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE  
27 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, PROVIDED THAT THE  
28 DEPARTMENT MAY EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE  
29 THIRD PHASE OF SCHOOLWATCH BY ONE YEAR BY PUBLISHING  
30 NOTICE OF THE EXTENSION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN

1           WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

2           (B)   DETERMINE THE MANNER AND FREQUENCY OF  
3           REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT BY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
4           ENTITIES, WHICH SHALL BE NO LESS FREQUENT THAN  
5           QUARTERLY.

6           (C)   WITHIN NINE MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
7           THIS ACT, ISSUE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE  
8           GENERAL ASSEMBLY SETTING FORTH A PLAN FOR THE  
9           DEPARTMENT'S DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNET DATABASE  
10          THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH PURSUANT  
11          TO SUBCLAUSE (A) .

12          (II)  THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER INCLUDING  
13          THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET DATABASE:

14          (A)   THE EXPECTED AND ACHIEVED PERFORMANCE  
15          OUTCOMES FROM EACH FUNDING ACTION OR EXPENDITURE.

16          (B)   INDIVIDUAL SALARY INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES  
17          WHO ARE NOT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

18          (III) IN DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S  
19          ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNET DATABASE, THE ADVISORY  
20          COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

21          (A)   HOW THE INTERNET DATABASE ESTABLISHED UNDER  
22          THIS ACT CAN BE COORDINATED WITH EXISTING DATABASES  
23          AND ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEMS.

24          (B)   WHETHER ANY CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY  
25          REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY BE DUPLICATED BY THE  
26          REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT MAY BE ELIMINATED.

27          (C)   DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFICIENT AND TRANSPARENT  
28          METHOD FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITIES  
29          TO COMPLY WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
30          ACT.

1           (IV) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE ADVISORY  
2 COMMITTEE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT,  
3 INCLUDING THE ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT INFORMATION  
4 TECHNOLOGY AND BUDGET STAFF, MEETING SPACE AND ANY OTHER  
5 ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CARRY  
6 OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS ACT.

7 (B) INTERNET DATABASE CONTENTS.--

8           (1) THE INTERNET DATABASE THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO  
9 ESTABLISH PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) SHALL, AT A MINIMUM,  
10 PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
11 ENTITY, UNLESS THE PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION CONFLICTS  
12 WITH OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW:

13           (I) THE NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE PUBLIC  
14 SCHOOL ENTITY.

15           (II) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE  
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY FROM, AND BROKEN DOWN BY, EACH OF  
17 THE FOLLOWING SOURCES AND DEPOSITED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
18 ENTITY'S GENERAL FUND OR SPECIAL FUND DURING THE PREVIOUS  
19 REPORTING PERIOD:

20           (A) FEDERAL.

21           (B) STATE.

22           (C) LOCAL.

23           (D) PRIVATE.

24           (III) THE NAME OF THE ENTITY RECEIVING A PAYMENT  
25 FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY PURSUANT TO A FUNDING  
26 ACTION OR EXPENDITURE.

27           (IV) A GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH  
28 FUNDING ACTION OR EXPENDITURE.

29           (V) THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR EACH FUNDING ACTION OR  
30 EXPENDITURE.

1 (VI) A COUNTER TO SHOW THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE  
2 INTERNET WEBSITE IS ACCESSED.

3 (VII) A LINK TO EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY'S INTERNET  
4 WEBSITE, WHERE AVAILABLE.

5 (VIII) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED BY  
6 EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY AS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE  
7 PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD WHO ARE NOT ADMINISTRATIVE  
8 STAFF AND THE AGGREGATE COMPENSATION, AS DEFINED IN  
9 SECTION 303(A) (1) (I) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 4, 1971 (P.L.6,  
10 NO.2), KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM CODE OF 1971, PAID BY THE  
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY TO SUCH INDIVIDUALS.

12 (IX) FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL  
13 ENTITY AS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, THE FOLLOWING:

14 (A) NAME.

15 (B) POSITION OR TITLE.

16 (C) CURRENT ANNUAL SALARY, BASED ON THE  
17 EMPLOYEE'S PAY SCHEDULE AND CURRENT SALARY.

18 (D) ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE  
19 INDIVIDUAL AND THE BASIS FOR SUCH COMPENSATION,  
20 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DUTIES AS A COACH OR  
21 ACTIVITY ADVISOR.

22 (E) COMPENSATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 303(A)  
23 (1) (I) OF THE TAX REFORM CODE OF 1971, PAID BY THE  
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY.

25 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT,  
26 RECORDS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE NOT SUBJECT TO  
27 DISCLOSURE UNDER THE ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008 (P.L.6, NO.3),  
28 KNOWN AS THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW, SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE  
29 INTERNET DATABASE.

30 (3) THE INTERNET DATABASE SHALL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO

1 SEARCH FOR AND AGGREGATE INFORMATION AT NO COST TO THE  
2 PUBLIC.

3 (4) INFORMATION POSTED ON SCHOOLWATCH, INCLUDING ANNUAL  
4 FINANCIAL REPORTS, FINAL ADOPTED BUDGETS AND INFORMATION  
5 INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE, SHALL REMAIN ON SCHOOLWATCH FOR A  
6 PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING.

7 SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATION.

8 (A) PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY REQUIREMENTS.--

9 (1) UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOLWATCH INTERNET  
10 WEBSITE REQUIRED TO BE DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, EACH  
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL:

12 (I) PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH ALL INFORMATION  
13 REGARDING FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE FUNDING  
14 RECEIVED AND ALL FUNDING ACTIONS OR EXPENDITURES AS  
15 REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT AND AT SUCH TIMES, WHICH SHALL BE  
16 AT LEAST QUARTERLY, AS DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN  
17 CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

18 (II) PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH COMPLEMENT AND  
19 EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INFORMATION AS REQUIRED UNDER  
20 THIS ACT AND AT SUCH TIMES, WHICH SHALL BE AT LEAST  
21 QUARTERLY, AS DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION  
22 WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

23 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1), A PUBLIC SCHOOL  
24 ENTITY SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH  
25 INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE POSTED ON SCHOOLWATCH WHERE THE  
26 DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION FROM OTHER  
27 SOURCES, INCLUDING FROM OTHER REPORTS BY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
28 ENTITIES.

29 (B) ACCURACY.--EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
30 VERIFYING THE ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED

1 TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2 (C) FORMAT.--EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL COMPILE,  
3 MAINTAIN AND REPORT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE POSTED UNDER  
4 SECTIONS 4 AND 5(B) IN A MANNER AND ON A REPORTING SCHEDULE  
5 PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY  
6 COMMITTEE.

7 (D) PENALTY.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

8 (1) WHEN A SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE  
9 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY SHALL WITHHOLD STATE  
10 APPROPRIATIONS DUE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 2552 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949 UNTIL THE SECRETARY  
12 DETERMINES THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
13 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. WHEN THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT  
14 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
15 THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY SHALL MAKE PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT OF THE FUNDS WITHHELD PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

17 (2) WHEN A CHARTER SCHOOL ENTITY FAILS TO COMPLY WITH  
18 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY SHALL DIRECT THE  
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE OF EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE  
20 CHARTER SCHOOL ENTITY TO TRANSFER ANY PAYMENTS REQUIRED UNDER  
21 SECTION 1725-A(A) OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949 TO THE  
22 DEPARTMENT TO BE HELD IN ESCROW UNTIL THE SECRETARY  
23 DETERMINES THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL ENTITY IS IN COMPLIANCE  
24 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. WHERE, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
25 1725-A(A) (5) OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, THE SECRETARY  
26 DEDUCTS PAYMENTS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 1725-A(A) OF THE  
27 PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949 FROM STATE PAYMENTS MADE TO THE  
28 SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOLD SUCH DEDUCTED  
29 AMOUNTS IN ESCROW UNTIL THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE  
30 CHARTER SCHOOL ENTITY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF

1 THIS ACT. WHEN THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE CHARTER  
2 SCHOOL ENTITY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
3 ACT, THE SECRETARY SHALL ORDER THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE PAYMENT  
4 OF THE FUNDS HELD IN ESCROW TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ENTITY.

5 (3) WHEN AN AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL FAILS TO  
6 COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY SHALL  
7 DIRECT THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN THE VOCATIONAL-  
8 TECHNICAL SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 1850.1 OF THE PUBLIC  
9 SCHOOL CODE OF 1949 TO TRANSFER ANY PAYMENTS REQUIRED UNDER  
10 ARTICLE XVIII OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949 TO THE  
11 DEPARTMENT TO BE HELD IN ESCROW UNTIL THE SECRETARY  
12 DETERMINES THAT THE AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL IS IN  
13 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. WHEN THE  
14 SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL  
15 SCHOOL IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE  
16 SECRETARY SHALL ORDER THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE PAYMENT OF THE  
17 FUNDS HELD IN ESCROW TO THE AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

18 SECTION 7. REPORT TO GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

19 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT CONTAINING  
20 STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE USAGE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE  
21 INTERNET WEBSITE. THE REPORT SHALL DESCRIBE FREQUENCY OF USER  
22 ACCESS OF THE INTERNET WEBSITE, TYPES OF DATA BEING ACCESSED AND  
23 INTERNET WEBSITE PERFORMANCE. THE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO  
24 THE GOVERNOR, THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE  
25 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, THE CHAIRMAN AND  
26 MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE  
27 OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE  
28 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY  
29 CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
30 REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE

1 INTERNET WEBSITE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED, AND BY MARCH 30 OF EACH  
2 YEAR THEREAFTER.  
3 SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.  
4 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.