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," in reimbursements by Commonwealth and
6   between school districts, further providing for student-
7   weighted basic education funding.

8   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

9 hereby enacts as follows:

10   Section 1. Section 2502.53(b) of the act of March 10, 1949

11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added

12 June 1, 2016 (P.L.252, No.35), is amended to read:

13   Section 2502.53. Student-Weighted Basic Education Funding.--

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15   (b) For the 2015-2016 school year **[**and each school year

16 thereafter**]**, the Commonwealth shall pay to each school district

17 a basic education funding allocation which shall consist of the

18 following:

19   (1) An amount equal to the school district's basic education

20 funding allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

1   (2) A student-based allocation to be calculated as follows:

2   (i) Multiply the school district's student-weighted average

3 daily membership by the median household income index and local

4 effort capacity index.

5   (ii) Multiply the product in subparagraph (i) by the

6 [difference between the amount appropriated for the allocation

7 of basic education funding to school districts and the amount

8 appropriated for the allocation in paragraph (1).] total amount

9 distributed to all school districts for basic education funding

10 for the 2014-2015 school year.

11   (iii) Divide the product in subparagraph (ii) by the sum of

12 the products in subparagraph (i) for all school districts.

13   (iv) Subtract the amount for each school district as

14 calculated according to subparagraph (iii) from the amount

15 allocated to each school district for basic education funding

16 for the 2014-2015 school year.

17   (v) For each school district in which the difference as

18 calculated in subparagraph (iv) is greater than zero, the school

19 district shall receive an amount distributed as follows:

20   (A) Subtract the amount appropriated for the allocation of

21 basic education funding for the 2015-2016 school year from the

22 amount appropriated for the 2014-2015 school year.

23   (B) Multiply the difference from clause (A) by seventy-five

24 percent (75%).

25   (C) Multiply the product from clause (B) by the positive

26 difference from subparagraph (iv) for each qualifying school

27 district.

28   (D) Divide the product from clause (C) by the sum of the

29 positive amounts as calculated under subparagraph (iv) for all

30 qualifying school districts.

1   (vi) Each school district shall also receive an additional

2 amount as follows:

3   (A) Multiply the school district's student-weighted average

4 daily membership by the median household income index and local

5 effort capacity index.

6   (B) Subtract the amount appropriated for the allocation of

7 basic education funding for the 2015-2016 school year from the

8 amount appropriated for the 2014-2015 school year.

9   (C) Multiply the difference from clause (B) by twenty-five

10 percent (25%).

11   (D) Subtract the amount appropriated for the allocation of

12 basic education funding for the 2014-2015 school year from the

13 amount appropriated for the 2013-2014 school year.

14   (E) Add the product from clause (C) and the difference from

15 clause (D).

16   (F) Multiply the amount for each school district from clause

17 (A) by the sum from clause (E).

18   (G) Divide the product from clause (F) by the sum of the

19 products in clause (A) for all school districts.

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21   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, or

22 immediately, whichever is later.