THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial 3 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the 4 laws relating thereto," in pupils and attendance, further 5 providing for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain 6 7 exceptional children in approved institutions. 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Section 1376(c.9) of the act of March 10, 1949 10 11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added 12 July 13, 2016 (P.L.716, No.86), is amended and the section is 13 amended by adding a subsection to read: 14 Section 1376. Cost of Tuition and Maintenance of Certain Exceptional Children in Approved Institutions. -- * * * 15 16 (c.9) [Beginning] Except as provided under subsection 17 (c.10), beginning with audited data for the 2016-2017 school 18 year, the total of the amounts remitted to the Commonwealth 19 under subsection (c.2)(5)(ii) shall be distributed to each

approved private school with reportable costs that exceed the

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- 1 amount of revenue received as follows:
- 2 (1) Subtract the amount of revenue received under subsection
- 3 (a.2) from the reportable costs in the audit submitted to the
- 4 Department of Education under subsection (c.2)(4).
- 5 (2) Multiply the amount in paragraph (1) by the lesser of
- 6 the total of the amounts remitted to the Commonwealth under
- 7 subsection (c.2)(5)(ii) or the total of the amounts in paragraph
- 8 (1).
- 9 (3) Divide the amount in paragraph (2) by the total of the
- 10 amounts in paragraph (1).
- 11 (4) Funds distributed under this subsection shall be paid in
- 12 May of the following school year.
- 13 (5) Funds distributed under this subsection shall not be
- 14 included in determining the payment amount under subsection
- 15 (a.2).
- 16 (c.10) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, \$2,115,000 of the
- 17 total of the amounts remitted to the Commonwealth under
- 18 subsection (c.2)(5)(ii) shall be distributed to an approved
- 19 private school which received funding during the 2015-2016
- 20 fiscal year under section 1722-L(6) of the act of April 9, 1929
- 21 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code. For the purposes of
- 22 funds appropriated for approved private schools, a payment made
- 23 <u>under this subsection shall be considered part of the base</u>
- 24 allocation in subsection (a.2).
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- 26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.