
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY A. DAVIS AND KIRKLAND, AUGUST 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AUGUST 28, 2020

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 State
7 reimbursement for health services.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2505.1(b.1) of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to
13 read:

14 Section 2505.1. State Reimbursement for Health Services.--*

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16 (b.1) Every school district which renders health services to
17 children shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth on account of
18 health services which conform to standards approved by the
19 Secretary of Health. Reimbursement shall be paid by the
20 Secretary of Health. For the school year 1990-1991, the amount
21 of this reimbursement for this subsection shall be the sum of

1 five dollars and ninety cents (\$5.90) multiplied by the average
2 daily membership of each school district. For the school year
3 1991-1992 and each school year thereafter, the amount of this
4 reimbursement for this subsection shall be the sum of nine
5 dollars and seventy cents (\$9.70) multiplied by the average
6 daily membership of each school district. For the school year
7 2021-2022 and each school year thereafter, the amount of this
8 reimbursement for this subsection shall be the sum of the
9 following:

10 (1) Nine dollars and seventy cents (\$9.70) multiplied by the
11 average daily membership of each school district.

12 (2) Forty dollars (\$40) multiplied by the average daily
13 membership of each school district multiplied by the percentage
14 of students that are economically disadvantaged. As used in this
15 paragraph, the term "economically disadvantaged" shall mean the
16 economically disadvantaged status of a student as reported by a
17 school district, intermediate unit or area career and technical
18 school through the Pennsylvania Information Management System
19 (PIMS) and determined based upon poverty data sources such as
20 eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families,
21 Medicaid or free or reduced-price lunch, census data, residence
22 in an institution for the neglected or delinquent or residence
23 in a foster home.

24 (b.2) Beginning with the school year 2022-2023 and each
25 school year thereafter, the Secretary of Health shall annually
26 adjust the amount of the reimbursement under subsection (b.1)
27 by the positive percent change in the Consumer Price Index for
28 All Urban Consumers for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware
29 and Maryland area reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for
30 the twelve-month period ending in December of the school year

1 for which the data is being collected.

2 (b.3) For the school year 2019-2020, thirty-four million
3 dollars (\$34,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the COVID-19
4 Response Restricted Account established under section 110-C of
5 the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal
6 Code, to reimburse each school entity for the costs of providing
7 school health services as a one-time payment to each school
8 entity. The reimbursement under this subsection shall be
9 determined as follows:

10 (1) Subtract each school entity's reimbursement received
11 under subsection (b.1) for the school year 2019-2020 from the
12 costs of providing support services for pupil health as reported
13 to the Secretary of Education on the most recent annual
14 financial report under section 218.

15 (2) Multiply the difference under paragraph (1) by each
16 school entity's market value/personal income aid ratio.

17 (3) Divide the product under paragraph (2) by the sum of all
18 products under paragraph (2) for all school entities.

19 (4) Multiply the quotient under paragraph (3) by thirty-four
20 million dollars (\$34,000,000) for each school entity.

21 (b.4) The Department of Health shall post the detailed
22 payment calculation made to each school entity under this
23 section within sixty (60) days of the payment on the Department
24 of Health's publicly accessible Internet website.

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.