

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1028 Session of  
2020

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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 charter schools, further providing  
6 for funding for charter schools.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1725-A(a)(2) and (3) of the act of March  
10 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of  
11 1949, are amended and the subsection is amended by adding a  
12 clause to read:

13 Section 1725-A. Funding for Charter Schools.--(a) Funding  
14 for a charter school shall be provided in the following manner:

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16 (2) For non-special education students and in accordance  
17 with clause (2.1) if applicable, the charter school shall  
18 receive for each student enrolled no less than the budgeted  
19 total expenditure per average daily membership of the prior  
20 school year, as defined in section 2501(20), minus the budgeted

1 expenditures of the district of residence for nonpublic school  
2 programs; adult education programs; community/junior college  
3 programs; student transportation services; for special education  
4 programs; facilities acquisition, construction and improvement  
5 services; and other financing uses, including debt service and  
6 fund transfers as provided in the Manual of Accounting and  
7 Related Financial Procedures for Pennsylvania School Systems  
8 established by the department. This amount shall be paid by the  
9 district of residence of each student.

10 (2.1) In addition to clause (2), if the school district or  
11 intermediate unit of a student offers a cyber charter school and  
12 the student enrolls in a cyber charter school not affiliated  
13 with the school district or intermediate unit, the expenditure  
14 to the nonaffiliated cyber charter school for the student under  
15 clause (2) shall be limited to the highest amount a cyber  
16 charter school affiliated with the school district or  
17 intermediate unit, if any, would have received for the student.

18 (3) For special education students, the charter school shall  
19 receive for each student enrolled the same funding as for each  
20 non-special education student as provided in clause (2) and, if  
21 applicable, clause (2.1), plus an additional amount determined  
22 by dividing the district of residence's total special education  
23 expenditure by the product of multiplying the combined  
24 percentage of section 2509.5(k) times the district of  
25 residence's total average daily membership for the prior school  
26 year. This amount shall be paid by the district of residence of  
27 each student.

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