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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND O'MARA, JUNE 10, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 10, 2021

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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 and for special education  
8 payments to school districts.

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

11 Section 1. Section 2502.53(b)(1) of the act of March 10,  
12 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
13 amended June 5, 2020 (P.L.223, No.30), is amended to read:

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

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16 (b) For the 2015-2016 school year and each school year  
17 thereafter, except the 2019-2020 school year which shall be  
18 governed by subsection (b.1), the Commonwealth shall pay to each  
19 school district a basic education funding allocation which shall  
20 consist of the following:

1 (1) [An amount equal to the school district's basic  
2 education funding allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.] As  
3 follows:

4 (i) For the 2015-2016 school year through the 2019-2020  
5 school year, an amount equal to the school district's basic  
6 education funding allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

7 (ii) For the 2020-2021 school year, an amount equal to  
8 eighty percent (80%) of the school district's basic education  
9 funding allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

10 (iii) For the 2021-2022 school year, an amount equal to  
11 sixty percent (60%) of the school district's basic education  
12 funding allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

13 (iv) For the 2022-2023 school year, an amount equal to forty  
14 percent (40%) of the school district's basic education funding  
15 allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

16 (v) For the 2023-2024 school year, an amount equal to twenty  
17 percent (20%) of the school district's basic education funding  
18 allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

19 (vi) For the 2024-2025 school year and each school year  
20 thereafter, zero.

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22 Section 2. Section 2509.5(bbb) (1) introductory paragraph of  
23 the act, amended June 5, 2020 (P.L.223, No.30), is amended and  
24 the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

25 Section 2509.5. Special Education Payments to School  
26 Districts.--\* \* \*

27 (bbb) (1) During the 2016-2017 school year and each school  
28 year thereafter, except the 2020-2021 school year which shall be  
29 governed by subsection (ccc), each school district shall receive  
30 an amount [equal to the amount it received for the 2013-2014

1 school year under subsection (aaa)] under paragraph (3) and a  
2 student-based allocation. The total amount available to  
3 distribute to school districts through the student-based  
4 allocation shall equal the difference between the amount  
5 allocated for special education payments for school districts  
6 and the sum of the amounts received under [subsection (aaa) for  
7 the 2013-2014 school year] paragraph (3) to all school  
8 districts. The student-based allocation for each school district  
9 shall be calculated as follows:

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11 (3) In addition to the student-based allocation under  
12 paragraph (1), each school district shall receive:

13 (i) During the 2016-2017 school year through the 2020-2021  
14 school year, an amount equal to the amount it received for the  
15 2013-2014 school year under subsection (aaa).

16 (ii) During the 2021-2022 school year, an amount equal to  
17 eighty percent (80%) of the amount it received for the 2013-2014  
18 school year under subsection (aaa).

19 (iii) During the 2022-2023 school year, an amount equal to  
20 sixty percent (60%) of the amount it received for the 2013-2014  
21 school year under subsection (aaa).

22 (iv) During the 2023-2024 school year, an amount equal to  
23 forty percent (40%) of the amount it received for the 2013-2014  
24 school year under subsection (aaa).

25 (v) During the 2024-2025 school year, an amount equal to  
26 twenty percent (20%) of the amount it received for the 2013-2014  
27 school year under subsection (aaa).

28 (vi) During the 2025-2026 school year and each school year  
29 thereafter, zero.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.