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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 527 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY REGAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, DiSANTO, BARTOLOTTA,  
HUTCHINSON, J. WARD, SCAVELLO, PITTMAN AND AUMENT,  
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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 educational tax credits, further  
6 providing for limitations.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2006-B(a) of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
11 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to  
12 read:

13 Section 2006-B. Limitations.

14 (a) Amount.--

15 (1) The total aggregate amount of all tax credits  
16 approved for contributions from business firms to scholarship  
17 organizations, educational improvement organizations and pre-  
18 kindergarten scholarship organizations shall not exceed  
19 \$185,000,000 in [a] fiscal year 2020-2021.

1 (i) No less than \$135,000,000 or 73% of the total  
2 aggregate amount under this paragraph, whichever is  
3 greater, shall be used to provide tax credits for  
4 contributions from business firms to scholarship  
5 organizations.

6 (ii) No less than \$37,500,000 or 20% of the total  
7 aggregate amount under this paragraph, whichever is  
8 greater, shall be used to provide tax credits for  
9 contributions from business firms to educational  
10 improvement organizations.

11 (iii) The total aggregate amount of all tax credits  
12 approved for contributions from business firms to pre-  
13 kindergarten scholarship organizations shall not exceed  
14 \$12,500,000 or 7% of the total aggregate amount under  
15 this paragraph, whichever is greater, in a fiscal year.

16 (2) The total aggregate amount of all tax credits  
17 approved for contributions from business firms to opportunity  
18 scholarship organizations shall not exceed \$55,000,000 in a  
19 fiscal year and no less than \$5,000,000 of the total  
20 aggregate amount shall be used to provide tax credits for  
21 contributions from business firms to increase the scholarship  
22 amount to students attending an economically disadvantaged  
23 school by up to \$1,000 more than the amount provided during  
24 the immediately preceding school year.

25 (a.1) Increases.--

26 (1) Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, in any fiscal  
27 year in which the total aggregate amount of tax credits  
28 approved under subsection (a) (1) for the prior fiscal year is  
29 equal to or greater than 90% of the total aggregate amount of  
30 all tax credits available under subsection (a) (1) for the

1 prior fiscal year, the total aggregate amount of all tax  
2 credits available under subsection (a)(1) shall increase by  
3 25%. The department shall publish on its publicly accessible  
4 Internet website the total aggregate amount of all tax  
5 credits available when the amount is increased under this  
6 paragraph.

7 (2) Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, in any fiscal  
8 year in which the total aggregate amount of tax credits  
9 approved under subsection (a)(2) for the prior fiscal year is  
10 equal to or greater than 90% of the total aggregate amount of  
11 all tax credits available under subsection (a)(2) for the  
12 prior fiscal year, the total aggregate amount of all tax  
13 credits available under subsection (a)(2) shall increase by  
14 25%. The department shall publish on its publicly accessible  
15 Internet website the total aggregate amount of all tax  
16 credits available when the amount is increased under this  
17 paragraph.

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