

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1223 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, COMITTA, MENSCH, FONTANA, KANE, FLYNN,  
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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 reimbursement by Commonwealth and  
6 between school districts, providing for level-up supplemental  
7 basic education funding for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

13 Section 2502.55. Level-up Supplemental Basic Education  
14 Funding for the 2021-2022 School Year.--(a) From money  
15 appropriated for payment of basic education funding to school  
16 districts in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Commonwealth shall  
17 pay to qualifying school districts an allocation for the 2021-  
18 2022 school year payable in the 2022-2023 fiscal year as  
19 follows:

20 (1) There shall be a determination of the qualifying school

1 districts with an amount less than or equal to the amount that  
2 represents the twentieth percentile for all school districts.  
3 For each of the five preceding school years, the determination  
4 shall be calculated as follows:

5 (i) For each school district, the sum of the amount of  
6 student weights calculated under section 2502.53(c)(1)(ii),  
7 (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) and the amount of weighted special  
8 education headcounts calculated under section 2509.5(bbb)(2)(i).

9 (ii) For each school district, divide the current  
10 expenditures by the sum calculated for the school district in  
11 subparagraph (i).

12 (iii) For each school district, calculate the average of the  
13 quotients calculated under subparagraph (ii).

14 (2) Qualifying school districts determined under paragraph  
15 (1) shall receive an amount calculated as follows:

16 (i) For each qualifying school district, multiply the  
17 product in section 2502.53(b)(2)(i) for the 2021-2022 school  
18 year by three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000).

19 (ii) Divide the product in subparagraph (i) by the sum of  
20 the products in section 2502.53(b)(2)(i) for the 2021-2022  
21 school year for all qualifying school districts.

22 (b) Payments made under this section shall be deemed to be  
23 part of the school district's allocation amount under section  
24 2502.53(b)(1) for the 2022-2023 school year and each school year  
25 thereafter.

26 (c) The provisions of sections 2502.53 and 2509.5 shall  
27 apply to the calculation of the respective factors in this  
28 section.

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