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INTRODUCED BY ROZZI, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, MADDEN, SANCHEZ,
KINKEAD AND CONKLIN, MARCH 28, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 28, 2023

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 the State System of Higher
6 Education, providing for equalization of appropriations.

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

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

12 Section 2022-A. Equalization of Appropriations.--(a) The
13 Secretary of the Budget shall annually calculate the difference
14 between the following:

15 (1) The total amount appropriated to the system for
16 education and general support.

17 (2) The total amount appropriated to the State-related
18 institutions for education and general support.

19 (b) (1) If the total amount appropriated to the system for
20 education and general support is less than the total amount

1 appropriated to the State-related institutions for education and
2 general support, the Secretary of the Budget shall certify the
3 amount of the difference and transmit a notice of the amount to
4 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
5 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

6 (2) If any subsequent acts affect the certified amount
7 calculated under this subsection, the Secretary of the Budget
8 shall recertify the amount as may be necessary.

9 (c) Each fiscal year, if the total amount appropriated to
10 the system is less than the total amount appropriated to the
11 State-related institutions and a certified amount is published
12 under subsection (b), the certified amount shall be transferred
13 to the system.

14 (d) Any amounts required to be transferred to the system in
15 accordance with this section are appropriated from the General
16 Fund.

17 (e) The Secretary of the Budget shall determine the timing
18 and schedule of payments necessary to effectuate a transfer
19 required under this section over the course of a fiscal year.

20 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
21 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
22 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

23 "Education and general support" shall mean:

24 (1) Appropriations from the General Fund to a university or
25 a system of universities that support the education of
26 undergraduate and graduate students, or the operation of a
27 university, including funds used to provide any of the
28 following: instruction, research, public service, academic
29 support, libraries, student services, institutional support,
30 operation and maintenance of plants, scholarships and

1 fellowships and debt service.

2 (2) The term does not include appropriations for hospitals
3 affiliated with a university, agricultural extension offices and
4 services, agriculture research or any grants provided by the
5 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency to students
6 attending a university or any amount provided for capital
7 projects financed through the issuance of general obligation
8 debt.

9 "State-related institution" shall mean The Pennsylvania State
10 University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and
11 Lincoln University and their branch campuses.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.