THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1311 Session of 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 5, 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 reimbursements by Commonwealth and
6   between school districts, providing for Level-Up Supplement
7   for 2022-2023 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 2502.56. Level-Up Supplement for 2022-2023 School

14 Year.--The Commonwealth shall pay to qualifying school districts

15 a Level-Up Supplement allocation for the 2022-2023 school year

16 as follows:

17   (1) A school district shall be determined to be a qualifying

18 school district if it meets any of the following:

1   (i)   The school district was determined to be a qualifying

2   school district under section 2502.55.

3   (ii)   The school district has an amount less than or equal to

4   the amount that represents the twentieth percentile for all

5   school districts in the following calculation:

6   (A)   For each of the five preceding school years, calculate

7   the following:

8   (I)   For each school district, the sum of the amount of

9   student weights calculated under section 2502.53(c)(1)(ii),

10 (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) and the amount of weighted special

11 education headcounts calculated under section 2509.5(bbb)(2)(i).

12   (II)   For each school district, divide the current

13 expenditures by the sum calculated for the school district in

14 subclause (I).

15   (III)   For each school district, calculate the average of the

16 quotients calculated under subclause (II).

17   (B)   (Reserved).

18   (2)   Qualifying school districts determined under paragraph

19 (1) shall receive an amount calculated as follows:

20   (i)   For each qualifying school district, multiply the

21 product in section 2502.53(b)(2)(i) for the 2022-2023 school

22 year by $400,000,000.

23   (ii)   Divide the product in subparagraph (i) by the sum of

24 the products in section 2502.53(b)(2)(i) for the 2022-2023

25 school year for all qualifying school districts.

26   (3)   Payments made under this section shall be deemed to be

27 part of the school district's allocation amount under section

28 2502.53(b)(1) for the 2023-2024 school year and each school year

29 thereafter.

30   (4)   The provisions contained in sections 2502.53 and 2509.5

1   shall apply to the calculation of the respective factors in this

2   section.

3   Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.