THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for student-weighted basic education funding.

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

Section 1. Section 2502.53 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

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

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(c.1) For the 2020-21 school year and each school year thereafter, the Commonwealth shall pay to qualifying school districts under this subsection a leveling-up supplement that shall be allocated as follows:

(1) There shall be a determination of the qualifying school districts with an amount less than or equal to the amount that
represents the twentieth (20th) percentile for all school
districts in the following calculation:

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

(ii) For each school district, divide the current
expenditures as reported on the most recent audited data
reported to the Department of Education by the sum calculated
for the school district in subparagraph (i).

(iii) For each school district, calculate the average of the
quotients calculated under subparagraph (ii) for the preceding
five (5) fiscal years for which payments have been appropriated
under this section and for which the data used to make the
calculations under subsections (b)(2) and (c) are available.

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

(i) For each qualifying school district, multiply the
product in subsection (b)(2)(i) by the amount appropriated for
the allocation under this paragraph.

(ii) Divide the product in subparagraph (i) by the sum of
the products in subsection (b)(2)(i) for all qualifying school
districts.

(3) Payments received in a school year by qualifying school
districts under this subsection shall be included in the
calculation under subsection (b)(1) in every subsequent school
year thereafter.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.