

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CULVER, BROWN, PENNYCUICK, FONTANA, COSTA,
TARTAGLIONE, J. WARD, STEFANO, SCHWANK, DUSH, L. WILLIAMS,
FARRY AND MALONE, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 8, 2025

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 career and technical education,~~
~~further providing for career and technical education~~
~~equipment grants.~~

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

~~Section 1. Section 1855 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 1855. Career and Technical Education Equipment~~
~~Grants. * * *~~

~~(f.1) The Department of Education shall use data for the~~
~~calculations under this section based on the most recent years~~
~~for which data is available, as determined by the Department of~~
~~Education, and shall fix the data as of the first day of June~~
~~preceding the school year in which the allocation occurs. If,~~

~~after the data based on the first day of June is found by the
Department of Education to be incorrect, the Department of
Education shall revise the calculations accordingly.~~

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~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

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 CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS,
PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT OF BASIC SKILLS; IN PUPILS AND
ATTENDANCE, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN AND
EDUCATION AND TRAINING; IN SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY,
FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT
PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH
GRANTS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL
RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SCOPE OF
PROGRAM AND SELECTION OF STUDENTS AND FOR ENROLLMENT OF
STUDENTS; IN CHARTER SCHOOLS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FUNDING
FOR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS; IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
EQUIPMENT GRANTS; IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, FURTHER PROVIDING
FOR FINANCIAL PROGRAM AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PAYMENTS; IN STATE
COLLEGES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, FOR DEFINITIONS, FOR PERFORMANCE-
BASED FUNDING COUNCIL AND FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
EDUCATION REPORTING, ESTABLISHING THE STATE-RELATED
UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE FUND AND PROVIDING FOR PERFORMANCE-
BASED FUNDING FORMULA AND FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY; IN
FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, PROVIDING FOR STATE AID FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; IN REIMBURSEMENT BY COMMONWEALTH AND
BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR STUDENT-
WEIGHTED BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING BEGINNING WITH 2023-2024
SCHOOL YEAR, FOR ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED TO
BE IN FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS OR IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL
WATCH STATUS AND FOR READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT; AND, IN
CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS BY SCHOOL ENTITIES,
FURTHER PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN
AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
SECTION TO READ:

SECTION 1207.5. ASSESSMENT OF BASIC SKILLS.--AN ASSESSMENT
OF BASIC SKILLS AS DEFINED IN 22 PA. CODE § 49.1 (RELATING TO
DEFINITIONS) SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED FOR ADMISSION INTO A

COMMONWEALTH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM OR REQUIRED FOR
ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A CERTIFICATE TYPE
OR AREA, INCLUDING AN INSTRUCTIONAL, CAREER AND TECHNICAL,
EDUCATION SPECIALIST, INTERN OR ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATE.

SECTION 2. SECTION 1372(8) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
SUBPARAGRAPH TO READ:

SECTION 1372. EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN; EDUCATION AND
TRAINING.--* * *

(8) REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES RELATING TO EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS.

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(VI) FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS
SECTION AND FOR CALCULATING THE COSTS FOR EDUCATING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION STUDENT, COSTS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE AND SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ELIGIBLE INSTRUCTION COSTS PER SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT
WHEN SPECIFIED IN THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN
SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) PRORATED SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR A CLASSROOM SPECIAL
EDUCATION TEACHER.

(II) PRORATED SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR A CLASSROOM AIDE, IF
THE AIDE IS ASSIGNED TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS.

(III) TOTAL COST OF SALARY AND BENEFITS IF A
PARAPROFESSIONAL OR ONE-ON-ONE AIDE IS ASSIGNED TO THE STUDENT.

(B) ELIGIBLE RELATED SERVICES COSTS PER SPECIAL EDUCATION
STUDENT WHEN SPECIFIED IN THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION
PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) PRORATED TRANSPORTATION COST IF THE VEHICLE IS
TRANSPORTING MULTIPLE STUDENTS AT ONE TIME.

(II) TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COST IF THE VEHICLE IS

1 TRANSPORTING ONLY THE STUDENT RECEIVING SERVICES.

2 (III) PRORATED COST OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SERVICES IF
3 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS.

4 (IV) TOTAL COST OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SERVICES IF SERVICES
5 ARE PROVIDED TO THE STUDENT RECEIVING SERVICES.

6 (V) TOTAL COST OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICES, INCLUDING
7 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, VISION SERVICES, HEARING
8 SERVICES, ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY AND RELATED SERVICES.

9 (VI) PRORATED COST OF SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES IF SERVICES
10 ARE PROVIDED TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS.

11 (VII) TOTAL COST OF A ONE-ON-ONE NURSE IF THE NURSE IS
12 ASSIGNED TO A STUDENT RECEIVING SERVICES.

13 (C) ELIGIBLE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT COSTS PER SPECIAL
14 EDUCATION STUDENT WHEN SPECIFIED IN THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED
15 EDUCATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

16 (I) TOTAL COST OF BRAILLE MATERIALS FOR THE STUDENT
17 RECEIVING SERVICES.

18 (II) TOTAL COST OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE STUDENT
19 RECEIVING SERVICES.

20 (III) TOTAL COST OF OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE STUDENT
21 RECEIVING SERVICES.

22 (D) INELIGIBLE COSTS THAT MAY NOT BE USED IN THE CALCULATION
23 INCLUDE:

24 (I) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

25 (II) NONSPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

26 (III) GENERAL EDUCATION COSTS, WHICH ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO
27 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES.

28 SECTION 3. SECTION 1306-B(H) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING
29 A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

30 SECTION 1306-B. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

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(H) SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY FUND.--

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(14) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, DURING
THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR, MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED AS
FOLLOWS:

(I) ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS SHALL BE USED FOR
SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS UNDER SECTION
1314.2-B.

(II) TWENTY MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
SHALL BE USED FOR TARGETED SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS UNDER
SECTION 1306.1-B.

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SECTION 4. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
SECTION 1314.2-B. SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS FOR
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

(A) FUNDING.--FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, THE MONEY UNDER
SECTION 1306-B(H) (14) (I) SHALL BE USED BY THE COMMITTEE TO AWARD
SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS TO SCHOOL ENTITIES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(B) PURPOSE OF GRANTS.--

(1) A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOOL SAFETY
AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS TO MEET THE LEVEL 1 BASELINE
CRITERIA FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
SCHOOL CLIMATE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE.

(2) IF A SCHOOL ENTITY HAS MET THE LEVEL 1 BASELINE
CRITERIA FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY, THE SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE
ELIGIBLE TO EXPEND FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN SECTION
1306-B(J) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (11), (12),
(13), (14), (16), (18), (22) AND (23).

1 (3) IF A SCHOOL ENTITY HAS MET THE LEVEL 1 BASELINE
2 CRITERIA FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SCHOOL CLIMATE, THE SCHOOL
3 ENTITY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO EXPEND FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES
4 OUTLINED IN SECTION 1306-B(J) (6), (10), (15), (17), (19),
5 (20), (21), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30)
6 AND (31).

7 (C) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.--THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD SCHOOL
8 SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS TO EACH SCHOOL ENTITY THAT
9 SUBMITS AN APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

10 (1) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL RECEIVE:

11 (I) \$100,000; AND

12 (II) THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3).

13 (2) AN INTERMEDIATE UNIT, AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL
14 SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL AND CYBER
15 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE \$70,000.

16 (3) AN AMOUNT DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

17 (I) MULTIPLY THE 2023-2024 ADJUSTED AVERAGE DAILY
18 MEMBERSHIP FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BY THE DIFFERENCE
19 BETWEEN THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED IN SUBSECTION (A) AND THE
20 SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND
21 (2).

22 (II) DIVIDE THE PRODUCT FROM SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY THE
23 2023-2024 ADJUSTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL
24 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

25 (D) AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS.--THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE
26 AN APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL
27 ENTITIES NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
28 SUBSECTION. THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE
29 SCHOOL ENTITY'S CONTACT INFORMATION, THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE
30 GRANT BASED UPON THE CATEGORIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B),

1 WITH BOXES ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE APPLICANT TO INDICATE THE
2 SCHOOL ENTITY'S ANTICIPATED USE AND CERTIFICATION BY THE
3 APPLICANT THAT THE MONEY WILL BE USED FOR THE STATED PURPOSE.

4 (E) EFFECT OF REVENUE RECEIVED.--GRANT MONEY RECEIVED UNDER
5 THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE INCLUDED WHEN CALCULATING THE AMOUNT TO
6 BE PAID UNDER SECTION 1725-A.

7 (F) AUDIT AND MONITORING.--THE COMMITTEE SHALL RANDOMLY
8 AUDIT AND MONITOR GRANT RECIPIENTS TO ENSURE THE APPROPRIATE USE
9 OF GRANT MONEY AND COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE GRANT
10 PROGRAM.

11 (G) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING
12 WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS
13 SUBSECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

14 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA CAREER AND
15 TECHNICAL SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL
16 CHARTER SCHOOL AND CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL.

17 SECTION 5. SECTIONS 1403-A(A) AND 1403.1-A(A) (2) OF THE ACT
18 ARE AMENDED TO READ:

19 SECTION 1403-A. SCOPE OF PROGRAM AND SELECTION OF STUDENTS.

20 (A) MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION.--

21 (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, A MAXIMUM OF
22 20 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 MAY BE ENROLLED IN THE
23 RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL UNDER THE PROGRAM AT ANY ONE TIME.

24 (2) BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, A MAXIMUM OF
25 35 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 MAY BE ENROLLED IN THE
26 RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL UNDER THE PROGRAM AT ANY ONE TIME.

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28 SECTION 1403.1-A. ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS.

29 (A) CONDITIONS.--A STUDENT MAY ENROLL IN THE RECOVERY HIGH
30 SCHOOL UNDER THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 1402-A IF THE

1 FOLLOWING APPLY:

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3 (2) IF FEWER THAN [20 STUDENTS] THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
4 STUDENTS THAT MAY BE ENROLLED UNDER SUBSECTION 1403-A
5 RESIDING IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS ENROLL IN
6 THE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL UNDER THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME, A
7 STUDENT WHO RESIDES IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OTHER THAN A SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS MAY ENROLL IN THE RECOVERY HIGH
9 SCHOOL UNDER THE PROGRAM IF THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN
10 HAS APPLIED FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL ON THE
11 STUDENT'S BEHALF.

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13 SECTION 5.1. SECTION 1725.1-A OF THE ACT, ADDED JULY 11,
14 2024 (P.L.618, NO.55), IS AMENDED TO READ:

15 SECTION 1725.1-A. FUNDING FOR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS.-- (A)
16 THERE SHALL BE NO TUITION CHARGE FOR A RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT
17 STUDENT ATTENDING A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL.

18 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING [SECTION 1725-A(A) (3)] SECTION 1725-A(A)
19 (2) AND (3), PER-STUDENT FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR NON-SPECIAL
20 EDUCATION STUDENTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS ATTENDING A
21 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL BE CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
22 SECTION AND SHALL BE PAID BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE OF
23 EACH STUDENT.

24 (C) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, [AND THE ENTIRETY OF EACH
25 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER] THROUGH THE END OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL
26 YEAR, FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS, A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL
27 SHALL RECEIVE FOR EACH STUDENT ENROLLED THE LESSER OF:

28 (1) THE AMOUNT CALCULATED UNDER SECTION 1725-A(A) (3); OR

29 (2) THE SAME FUNDING AS FOR EACH NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION
30 STUDENT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1725-A(A) (2), PLUS AN ADDITIONAL

1 AMOUNT DETERMINED BY DIVIDING THE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE'S TOTAL
2 SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
3 RESIDENCE'S TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR
4 THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR.

5 (D) FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR
6 JULY THROUGH DECEMBER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS SHALL BE
7 BASED UPON THE RATE CALCULATED UNDER SECTION 1725-A(A) (3) AND
8 THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE FOR SPECIAL
9 EDUCATION STUDENTS SHALL BE BASED UPON THE RATE CALCULATED IN
10 SUBSECTION (C) .

11 (E) FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR
12 THEREAFTER, FOR NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS, A CYBER CHARTER
13 SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE FOR EACH STUDENT ENROLLED AN AMOUNT
14 CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

15 (1) THE AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 1725-A(A) (2) ADJUSTED AS
16 FOLLOWS:

17 (I) THE BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL
18 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS: TUITION PAID TO
19 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS; TAX
20 ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES; SIXTY PER CENTUM OF STUDENT
21 ACTIVITIES; AND SIXTY PER CENTUM OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
22 OF PLANT SERVICES.

23 (II) THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
24 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL BE DEDUCTED
25 FROM THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

26 (2) MULTIPLY THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) BY
27 THE FOLLOWING:

28 (I) FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE FIRST CLASS A, THE LESSER
29 OF ONE (1) OR THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 2502.56(D) (2)

30 (II) FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE MOST RECENT YEAR AVAILABLE

1 AS OF THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE PRECEDING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH
2 THE PER-STUDENT FUNDING AMOUNTS APPLY.

3 (II) FOR ALL OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ONE (1).

4 (F) FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR
5 THEREAFTER, FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS, A CYBER CHARTER
6 SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE FOR EACH STUDENT ENROLLED THE LESSER OF:

7 (1) THE SAME FUNDING AS FOR EACH NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION
8 STUDENT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1725-A(A) (2), PLUS AN ADDITIONAL
9 AMOUNT DETERMINED BY DIVIDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE'S
10 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
11 RESIDENCE'S TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR
12 THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR; OR

13 (2) THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) FOR THE
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT MULTIPLIED BY ONE AND EIGHTY-NINE HUNDREDTHS
15 (1.89).

16 (G) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 1725-A(A) (5), PAYMENTS SHALL BE
17 MADE TO THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL IN TWELVE (12) EQUAL MONTHLY
18 PAYMENTS, BY THE FIFTH DAY OF EACH MONTH, WITHIN THE OPERATING
19 SCHOOL YEAR. A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL
20 BE INCLUDED IN THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDENT'S
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING BASIC
22 EDUCATION FUNDING PAYMENTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING
23 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXV. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILS TO MAKE A
24 PAYMENT TO A CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS
25 SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL DEDUCT THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT, AS
26 DOCUMENTED BY THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL USING THE MOST RECENTLY
27 AVAILABLE PER-STUDENT AMOUNTS POSTED UNDER SECTION 1725-A(A) (7),
28 FROM ANY AND ALL STATE PAYMENTS MADE TO THE DISTRICT AFTER
29 RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION FROM THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL. THE
30 SECRETARY SHALL NOT MAKE A DEDUCTION ON BEHALF OF A CYBER

1 CHARTER SCHOOL UNLESS THE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE CYBER CHARTER
2 SCHOOL USES THE PER-STUDENT AMOUNT THAT IS POSTED UNDER SECTION
3 1725-A(A) (7) . NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, A CYBER
4 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE
5 OF EACH STUDENT FINAL DOCUMENTATION OF PAYMENT TO BE MADE USING
6 THE PER-STUDENT AMOUNTS POSTED UNDER 1725-A(A) (7) AND THE
7 AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE CYBER
8 CHARTER SCHOOL FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL
9 YEAR. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILS TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE CYBER
10 CHARTER SCHOOL, THE SECRETARY SHALL DEDUCT AND PAY THE AMOUNT AS
11 DOCUMENTED BY THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL USING THE PER-STUDENT
12 AMOUNTS REPORTED UNDER SECTION 1725-A(A) (7) FROM ANY AND ALL
13 STATE PAYMENTS MADE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER RECEIPT OF
14 DOCUMENTATION FROM THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL FROM THE
15 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE FINAL
16 DOCUMENTATION OF PAYMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
17 RESIDENCE.

18 (H) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 1725-A(A) (6) , NOT LATER THAN
19 THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SECRETARY MAKES THE DEDUCTION
20 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (G), A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOTIFY THE
21 SECRETARY THAT THE DEDUCTION MADE FROM STATE PAYMENTS TO THE
22 SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS INACCURATE. THE
23 SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH AN OPPORTUNITY
24 TO BE HEARD CONCERNING WHETHER THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL
25 DOCUMENTED THAT ITS STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED IN THE CYBER CHARTER
26 SCHOOL, THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH EACH STUDENT WAS
27 ENROLLED, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE OF EACH STUDENT AND
28 WHETHER THE AMOUNTS DEDUCTED FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WERE
29 ACCURATE.

30 SECTION 6. SECTION 1855 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A

SUBSECTION TO READ:

SECTION 1855. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT
GRANTS.--* * *

(F.1) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL USE DATA FOR THE
CALCULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION BASED ON THE MOST
RECENT YEARS FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE, AS DETERMINED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND SHALL FIX THE DATA AS OF THE FIRST
DAY OF JUNE PRECEDING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE ALLOCATION
OCCURS. IF THE DATA BASED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE IS FOUND BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE INCORRECT, THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION SHALL REVISE THE CALCULATIONS ACCORDINGLY.

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SECTION 7. SECTION 1913-A(B) (1.6) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY
ADDING A SUBCLAUSE TO READ:

SECTION 1913-A. FINANCIAL PROGRAM; REIMBURSEMENT OF
PAYMENTS.--* * *

(B) * * *

(1.6) FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
THEREAFTER, THE PAYMENT FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL CONSIST OF
THE FOLLOWING:

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(XXI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SHALL RECEIVE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED IN FISCAL
YEAR 2024-2025 UNDER SUBCLAUSES (XIX) (A) AND (C) AND (XX).

(B) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STIPEND
RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 UNDER SUBCLAUSE (XIX) (B).

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SECTION 8. SECTION 2011-L(C) (6) OF THE ACT, ADDED JULY 17,
2024 (P.L.818, NO.69), IS AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 2011-L. POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE BOARD OF HIGHER
EDUCATION.

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(C) DUTIES.--THE BOARD SHALL PERFORM ALL DUTIES APPROPRIATE
TO CARRY OUT AND EFFECTUATE THE BOARD'S PURPOSES UNDER THIS
ARTICLE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

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[(6) ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF
SUBARTICLE C.]

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SECTION 9. SECTION 2031-L OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING
DEFINITIONS TO READ:

SECTION 2031-L. DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS SUBARTICLE
SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

"COUNCIL." THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING COUNCIL ESTABLISHED
AND RECONSTITUTED UNDER SECTION 2032-L.

"DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
COMMONWEALTH.

"FUND." THE STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE FUND
ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 2034-L.

"HIGH-DEMAND DEGREE." A BACHELOR'S DEGREE THAT IS ALIGNED
WITH THE IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS IN THE GROW PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM UNDER SUBARTICLE D.

"HIGHER EDUCATION PRICE INDEX." THE AVERAGE TOTAL COST OF
ATTENDANCE FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONALLY, DETERMINED
BY THE COUNCIL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, USING
PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA, INCLUDING INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY THE
COMMONFUND INSTITUTE.

1 "LOW-MATRICULATION HIGH SCHOOL." A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN
2 THIS COMMONWEALTH DETERMINED TO HAVE A COLLEGE MATRICULATION
3 RATE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 40%.

4 "SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE DEMAND PROJECTION." THE SUM OF ALL
5 STATEWIDE SHORT-TERM PROJECTED JOB OPENINGS, AS PUBLISHED BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, IN OCCUPATIONS THAT REQUIRE AT
7 LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND ALIGN WITH THE IN-DEMAND
8 OCCUPATIONS IN THE GROW PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM
9 UNDER SUBARTICLE D.

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11 SECTION 10. SECTION 2032-L(A), (C), (D), (E), (I) AND (L) OF
12 THE ACT, ADDED JULY 17, 2024 (P.L.960, NO.90), ARE AMENDED AND
13 THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:
14 SECTION 2032-L. PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING COUNCIL.

15 (A) PURPOSE.--THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING COUNCIL [IS
16 ESTABLISHED AND] SHALL [DEVELOP]:

17 (1) DEVELOP A PROCESS TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDING TO THE
18 STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES. THE PROCESS SHALL UTILIZE
19 PERFORMANCE-BASED METRICS DESIGNED TO INCREASE DEGREE
20 ATTAINMENT, ENCOURAGE AFFORDABILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION, MEET
21 WORKFORCE NEEDS AND GROW THE ECONOMY.

22 (2) OVERSEE THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING FORMULA BY
23 ASSIGNING PERFORMANCE GOALS AND WEIGHTS.

24 (3) MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND
25 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING
26 FORMULA.

27 (A.1) ESTABLISHMENT AND RECONSTITUTION.--

28 (1) THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING COUNCIL IS
29 ESTABLISHED.

30 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL BE RECONSTITUTED ON THE EFFECTIVE

1 DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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3 (C) MEMBERSHIP.--

4 (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF VOTING MEMBERS
5 APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) AND NONVOTING MEMBERS, WHO
6 SHALL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY ROLE, DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH
7 (3) .

8 (2) THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF
9 THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS [OF THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
10 UNDER SECTION 2010-L(C)]:

11 (I) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION [APPOINTED UNDER
12 SECTION 2010-L(C) (1)] OR A DESIGNEE WHO IS A DEPUTY
13 SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

14 (II) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE
15 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE [APPOINTED UNDER
16 SECTION 2010-L(C) (3)] .

17 (III) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE
18 MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE [APPOINTED UNDER SECTION
19 2010-L(C) (4)] .

20 (IV) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 [APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 2010-L(C) (5)] .

23 (V) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
24 APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES [APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 2010-L(C) (6)] .

26 (3) THE NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE:

27 (I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE
28 UNIVERSITY OR A DESIGNEE.

29 (II) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
30 OR A DESIGNEE.

(III) THE PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OR A
DESIGNEE.

(C.1) TERM.--VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL APPOINTED UNDER
SUBSECTION (C) (2) (II), (III), (IV) AND (V) SHALL SERVE A TERM OF
OFFICE COTERMINOUS WITH THE RESPECTIVE ELECTIVE TERM OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
SHALL SERVE AS LONG AS THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION IS IN OFFICE.

(D) CHAIRPERSON.--THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL
APPOINT A MEMBER TO SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON. THE COUNCIL SHALL
VOTE NOT LATER THAN EVERY 24 MONTHS TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO SERVE
AS CHAIRPERSON.

(E) COUNCIL MEETINGS.--THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE
[HELD BIMONTHLY AND] AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON AS NECESSARY
AND SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 65
PA.C.S. CH. 7 (RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS).

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(H.1) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE
DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL.

(I) POWERS AND DUTIES.--THE COUNCIL [SHALL]:

(1) [CONSULT] MAY CONSULT WITH COMMONWEALTH AGENCIES AND
EXPERTS TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF THIS SECTION.

(2) [HOLD] MAY HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AT [EACH ONE OF THE
STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES AND RECEIVE INPUT FROM EXPERTS AND
INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING PARENTS AND STUDENTS.] THE CALL
OF THE CHAIR TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM EXPERTS AND INTERESTED
PARTIES.

(3) [DEVELOP] SHALL DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A
PROCESS THAT UTILIZES PERFORMANCE-BASED METRICS TO DISTRIBUTE
FUNDING.

(4) [NO] SHALL, NO LATER THAN [APRIL 30, 2025,] MAY 5,

1 2025, TRANSMIT THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
2 BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING
3 DRAFT LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROCESS TO DISTRIBUTE
4 FUNDING.

5 (5) SHALL ANNUALLY ASSIGN PERFORMANCE GOALS AND WEIGHTS
6 UNDER SECTION 2035-L FOR THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING
7 FORMULA.

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9 (L) [~~DISSOLUTION AND RECONSTITUTION.--~~

10 ~~(1) UPON TRANSMITTAL OF THE REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (I)~~
11 ~~(4), THE COUNCIL SHALL DISSOLVE UNTIL RECONSTITUTED UNDER~~
12 ~~PARAGRAPH (2).~~

13 ~~(2) THE BOARD SHALL RECONSTITUTE THE COUNCIL EVERY FIVE~~
14 ~~YEARS TO REEVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE METRICS UTILIZED FOR THE~~
15 ~~DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES.]~~

16 (RESERVED).

17 (M) WORKFORCE OUTCOMES.--

18 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND THE
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN ANALYSIS ON POSTSECONDARY
20 GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES,
21 INCLUDING EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR GRADUATES BY
22 DEGREE LEVEL, DEGREE MAJOR AND STATE IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL
23 IS EMPLOYED.

24 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER THE INFORMATION AND
25 ANALYSIS ON POSTSECONDARY GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES AS
26 PART OF FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL RELATING TO
27 IMPROVEMENT AND AFFORDABILITY UNDER SECTION 2035-L(F).

28 SECTION 11. SECTION 2033-L OF THE ACT, ADDED JULY 17, 2024
29 (P.L.960, NO.90), IS AMENDED TO READ:

30 SECTION 2033-L. PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REPORTING.

(A) REQUIREMENTS.--NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE REPORTED, INCLUDING DISAGGREGATED DATA SETS FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS, NONRESIDENT STUDENTS, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS, TO THE DEPARTMENT BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

(1) STUDENT ENROLLMENT[, INCLUDING IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS,] DISAGGREGATED BY DEMOGRAPHICS, ENROLLMENT STATUS AND DEGREE TYPE [AND LEVEL].

(2) STUDENTS REACHING 30, 60, 90 AND 120 CREDIT HOUR THRESHOLDS.

(3) STUDENTS COMPLETING CREDENTIALS, INCLUDING CREDENTIALS ALIGNED TO HIGH-PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS.

(4) STUDENTS INCLUDED IN PRIORITY POPULATIONS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY STUDENTS AND ACADEMICALLY UNPREPARED STUDENTS.

(4.1) FOR STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES, PERFORMANCE METRICS DATA UNDER SECTION 2034-L(E).

(5) ANY OTHER DATA REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING DATA RELATED TO THE METRICS UNDER SECTION 2032-L.

(B) TRANSMITTAL.--

(1) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER AND FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY SHALL ANNUALLY TRANSMIT DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT DATA TO THE COUNCIL IN A TIMELY MANNER.

(C) SUBMISSION.--THE SYSTEM MAY SUBMIT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ON BEHALF OF THE STATE-OWNED

1 UNIVERSITIES.

2 (D) EXCLUSION.--THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 118 SHALL NOT
3 APPLY TO ANY DATA REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

4 (E) DATA SHARING.--

5 (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SHARE DATA COLLECTED UNDER THIS
6 SECTION WITH THE BOARD [AND THE COUNCIL].

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SHARE DATA COLLECTED UNDER THIS
8 SECTION WITH THE COUNCIL.

9 (3) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO CONFIDENTIAL DATA
10 SHARED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

11 (I) WITHIN 120 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
12 SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A DATA USE
13 AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNCIL. THE DATA USE AGREEMENT SHALL
14 INCLUDE TERMS TO ENSURE THAT THE DATA IS KEPT
15 CONFIDENTIAL AND SECURE AND REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL IN
16 ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY
17 ACT OF 1974 (PUBLIC LAW 90-247, 20 U.S.C. § 1232G) AND
18 OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS GOVERNING DATA SHARING.

19 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A DATA USE
20 AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD PRIOR TO SHARING DATA UNDER
21 PARAGRAPH (1) AND INCLUDE THE SAME TERMS IN SUBPARAGRAPH
22 (I).

23 (III) THE DEPARTMENT MAY UTILIZE A DISCLOSURE METHOD
24 TO PROTECT STUDENT PRIVACY TO PREVENT THE IDENTIFICATION
25 OF STUDENTS.

26 (F) DEFINITION.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "STUDENT"
27 MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ATTENDS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
28 EDUCATION, WHETHER ENROLLED ON A FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, DEGREE-
29 SEEKING, NON-DEGREE-SEEKING, CREDIT OR NONCREDIT BASIS.

30 (G) CONSTRUCTION.--NOTHING IN THE SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED

TO LIMIT THE OBLIGATIONS OF A STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY TO
PROVIDE DATA OR OTHER INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OR THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

SECTION 12. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO READ:
SECTION 2034-L. STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE FUND.

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE
FUND IS ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE TREASURY.

(B) COMPOSITION.--THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF MONEY
APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND AND ALL INTEREST
EARNINGS RECEIVED FROM INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND.

(C) APPROPRIATIONS.--MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL NOT BE
APPROPRIATED EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30 OF ARTICLE III
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(D) PAYMENTS.--THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY, ON AN EQUAL
MONTHLY BASIS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, MONEY FROM THE FUND AS
PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) TO EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY
IN THE AMOUNT CALCULATED UNDER SECTION 2035-L FOR THAT FISCAL
YEAR.

(E) REMAINING BALANCE.--ANY AVAILABLE BALANCE IN THE FUND
NOT AWARDED BY THE ALLOCATION UNDER SECTION 2035-L DURING A
FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT BE EXPENDED IN THAT FISCAL YEAR BUT SHALL
REMAIN IN THE FUND FOR APPROPRIATION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) IN A
SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR.

SECTION 2035-L. PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING FORMULA.

(A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
AND DECLARES THAT THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING FORMULA IS THE
RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

(B) STUDENT-WEIGHTED COUNT.--

(1) NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2026, AND EACH JUNE 1
THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL ASSIGN WEIGHTS TO THE FOLLOWING

CATEGORIES OF IN-STATE STUDENTS IN A STATE-RELATED
UNIVERSITY:

(I) FULL-TIME, FALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

(II) STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A PELL GRANT.

(III) STUDENTS WHO TRANSFERRED FROM A COMMUNITY
COLLEGE.

(IV) STUDENTS FROM A LOW-MATRICULATION HIGH SCHOOL.

(V) STUDENTS WHO EARNED A HIGH-DEMAND DEGREE.

(2) USING THE CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS AND THE WEIGHTS
ASSIGNED BY THE COUNCIL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1), THE DEPARTMENT
SHALL ANNUALLY CALCULATE THE STUDENT-WEIGHTED COUNT USING THE
MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE FOR EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY.

(C) MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE ALLOCATION.--

(1) NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2026, AND EACH JUNE 1
THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL ASSIGN:

(I) A PROPORTION BETWEEN 0 AND 1 OF THE MAXIMUM
ALLOCATION THAT IS BASED UPON AN EQUAL SHARE BETWEEN EACH
STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY.

(II) A PROPORTION BETWEEN 0 AND 1 OF THE MAXIMUM
ALLOCATION THAT IS BASED UPON EACH STATE-RELATED
UNIVERSITY'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL STUDENT-WEIGHTED COUNT
DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (2).

(III) THE SUM OF THE ASSIGNED PROPORTIONS UNDER
SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) SHALL EQUAL 1.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY CALCULATE THE MAXIMUM
PERFORMANCE ALLOCATION FOR EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY AS
FOLLOWS:

(I) MULTIPLY THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN THE FUND BY
0.95.

(II) MULTIPLY THE PRODUCT DETERMINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH

1 (I) BY THE PROPORTION DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) (II).

2 (III) DIVIDE THE STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT-
3 WEIGHTED COUNT CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (2) BY THE
4 SUM OF THE STUDENT-WEIGHTED COUNT FOR ALL STATE-RELATED
5 UNIVERSITIES CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (2).

6 (IV) MULTIPLY THE PRODUCT DETERMINED UNDER
7 SUBPARAGRAPH (II) BY THE QUOTIENT DETERMINED UNDER
8 SUBPARAGRAPH (III).

9 (V) MULTIPLY ONE-THIRD BY THE PROPORTION DETERMINED
10 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) (I).

11 (VI) MULTIPLY THE PRODUCT IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY THE
12 PRODUCT IN SUBPARAGRAPH (V).

13 (VII) ADD THE PRODUCTS IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (IV) AND
14 (VI).

15 (D) PERFORMANCE METRICS AND GOALS.--

16 (1) THE STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY'S PERFORMANCE
17 ALLOCATION UNDER SUBSECTION (E) SHALL BE CALCULATED BASED ON
18 PERFORMANCE ACROSS THE FOLLOWING METRICS:

19 (I) FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATES FOR IN-STATE,
20 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

21 (II) SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES FOR IN-STATE,
22 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

23 (III) SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES FOR IN-STATE, PELL-
24 GRANT-RECIPIENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

25 (IV) HIGH-DEMAND DEGREE PRODUCTION FOR IN-STATE
26 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

27 (2) NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2026, AND EACH JUNE 1
28 THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL ASSIGN WEIGHTS TO EACH OF THE
29 PERFORMANCE METRICS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF
30 CALCULATING EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY'S PROGRESS TOWARDS

1 THE STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY'S GOAL.

2 (3) NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2026, AND EACH JUNE 1
3 THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT A GOAL RATE FOR EACH
4 PERFORMANCE METRIC UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).

5 (4) THE HIGH-DEMAND DEGREE PRODUCTION GOAL FOR EACH
6 STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY SHALL BE ASSIGNED BY THE COUNCIL AS
7 FOLLOWS:

8 (I) A HIGH-DEMAND DEGREE PRODUCTION TARGET RATE
9 SHALL BE DETERMINED AS A PROPORTION BETWEEN 0 AND 1.

10 (II) DIVIDE A STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY'S TOTAL
11 BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED FOR THE MOST RECENT YEAR
12 AVAILABLE BY THE STATEWIDE BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED FOR
13 THE MOST RECENT YEAR AVAILABLE.

14 (III) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) BY
15 THE SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE DEMAND PROJECTION.

16 (IV) MULTIPLY THE PRODUCT IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) BY
17 THE PROPORTION IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I).

18 (E) PERFORMANCE ALLOCATION.--

19 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CALCULATE THE PROGRESS TOWARD
20 THE GOAL FOR EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY AS FOLLOWS:

21 (I) FOR THE PERFORMANCE METRICS IN SUBSECTION (D) (1)
22 (I), (II) AND (III), DIVIDE THE CURRENT RATE OF EACH
23 METRIC FOR THE MOST RECENT YEAR AVAILABLE BY EACH
24 METRIC'S RESPECTIVE GOAL RATE AS DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION
25 (D) (3).

26 (II) FOR THE METRIC IN SUBSECTION (D) (1) (IV), DIVIDE
27 THE NUMBER OF HIGH-DEMAND DEGREES FOR THE MOST RECENT
28 YEAR AVAILABLE BY THE PRODUCT IN SUBSECTION (D) (4) (IV).

29 (III) CALCULATE THE AVERAGE OF THE QUOTIENTS IN
30 SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II).

1 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CALCULATE THE PERFORMANCE
2 ALLOCATION FOR EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY BY MULTIPLYING
3 THE STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY'S MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE ALLOCATION
4 DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) (2) BY THE STATE-RELATED
5 UNIVERSITY'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL DETERMINED UNDER
6 PARAGRAPH (1).

7 (F) IMPROVEMENT AND AFFORDABILITY ALLOCATION.--

8 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY CALCULATE THE TOTAL
9 AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND AFFORDABILITY
10 ALLOCATION BY MULTIPLYING THE AMOUNT IN THE FUND BY 0.05.

11 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY CALCULATE AN
12 IMPROVEMENT BONUS FOR EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY AS
13 FOLLOWS:

14 (I) ADD THE POSITIVE PERCENTAGE POINT INCREASES IN
15 THE RATES OF THE PERFORMANCE METRICS IN SUBSECTION (D) (1)
16 (I), (II) AND (III) FROM THE MOST RECENT YEAR OF DATA
17 AVAILABLE COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR.

18 (II) SUBTRACT THE HIGH-DEMAND DEGREES AWARDED FOR
19 THE MOST RECENT YEAR DATA IS AVAILABLE BY THE HIGH-DEMAND
20 DEGREES AWARDED FOR THE PRIOR YEAR.

21 (III) DIVIDE THE DIFFERENCE IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) BY
22 THE HIGH-DEMAND DEGREES AWARDED FOR THE PRIOR YEAR.

23 (IV) DETERMINE THE GREATER OF THE QUOTIENT FOUND IN
24 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OR ZERO.

25 (V) ADD THE AMOUNTS IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (IV).

26 (3) NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2026, AND EACH JUNE 1
27 THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL ANNUALLY ASSIGN A PERCENTAGE
28 POINT AFFORDABILITY BONUS FOR EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY
29 ON THE BASIS THAT THE STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY MAINTAINS THE
30 PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THEIR TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE

1 CURRENT YEAR OVER THE PRIOR YEAR BY AN AMOUNT LESS THAN THE
2 PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION PRICE INDEX FOR
3 THE MOST RECENT YEAR AVAILABLE.

4 (4) THE IMPROVEMENT AND AFFORDABILITY ALLOCATION FOR
5 EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY SHALL BE CALCULATED BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

7 (I) ADD THE AMOUNTS IN PARAGRAPH (2) (V) FOR EACH
8 STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY.

9 (II) ADD THE AMOUNTS IN PARAGRAPH (3) FOR EACH
10 STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY.

11 (III) ADD THE SUMS IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II).

12 (IV) ADD THE SUM IN PARAGRAPH (2) (V) FOR THE STATE-
13 RELATED UNIVERSITY TO THE AMOUNT IN PARAGRAPH (3) FOR THE
14 STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY.

15 (V) DIVIDE THE SUM IN SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) FOR THE
16 STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY BY THE SUM IN SUBPARAGRAPH
17 (III).

18 (VI) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT IN SUBPARAGRAPH (V) BY
19 THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND
20 AFFORDABILITY ALLOCATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).

21 SECTION 2036-L. PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.

22 (A) GOALS AND WEIGHTS.--AFTER THE COUNCIL ASSIGNS THE
23 PERFORMANCE GOALS AND WEIGHTS UNDER SECTION 2035-L, THE CHAIR OF
24 THE COUNCIL SHALL TRANSMIT THE PERFORMANCE GOALS AND WEIGHTS TO
25 THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT
26 AVAILABLE ISSUE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

27 (B) PUBLIC POSTING.--THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH STATE-RELATED
28 UNIVERSITY SHALL POST ON THE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET
29 WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITY THE
30 FOLLOWING:

1 (1) THE CURRENT YEAR DATA FOR EACH OF THE METRICS
2 INCLUDED IN THE STUDENT-WEIGHTED COUNT AND EACH METRIC
3 INCLUDED AS PERFORMANCE METRIC UNDER SECTION 2035-L.

4 (2) THE PERFORMANCE GOALS AND WEIGHTS ASSIGNED BY THE
5 COUNCIL AND PUBLISHED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN FOR THE
6 PERFORMANCE METRICS.

7 SECTION 2329. STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

8 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY,
9 EACH LIBRARY SUBJECT TO 24 PA.C.S. CH. 93 (RELATING TO PUBLIC
10 LIBRARY CODE) SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID FOR FISCAL YEAR
11 2025-2026 AS FOLLOWS:

12 (1) FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR LIBRARIES SHALL BE
13 DISTRIBUTED TO EACH LIBRARY UNDER THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

14 (I) DIVIDE THE SUM OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THE
15 LIBRARY RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 UNDER SECTION
16 2328 BY THE TOTAL STATE-AID SUBSIDY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-
17 2025.

18 (II) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY
19 THE TOTAL STATE-AID SUBSIDY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

20 (2) FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR
21 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1), ANY REMAINING
22 FUNDS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE
23 LIBRARIAN.

24 (3) IF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR STATE AID TO LIBRARIES IN
25 FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ARE LESS THAN FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN
26 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, THE STATE LIBRARIAN MAY WAIVE
27 STANDARDS AS PRESCRIBED IN 24 PA.C.S. CH. 93.

28 (4) EACH LIBRARY SYSTEM RECEIVING STATE AID UNDER THIS
29 SECTION MAY DISTRIBUTE THE LOCAL LIBRARY SHARE OF THAT AID IN
30 A MANNER AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

1 LIBRARY SYSTEM.

2 (5) IN THE CASE OF A LIBRARY SYSTEM THAT CONTAINS A
3 LIBRARY OPERATING IN A CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS, CHANGES TO
4 THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID TO THE LIBRARY SHALL BE MADE BY
5 MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

6 (6) IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER
7 POPULATION PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AS A
8 RESULT OF:

9 (I) A CITY, BOROUGH, TOWN, TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 OR COUNTY MOVING FROM ONE LIBRARY CENTER TO ANOTHER; OR

11 (II) A TRANSFER OF DISTRICT LIBRARY CENTER STATUS TO
12 A COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM; FUNDING OF DISTRICT LIBRARY
13 CENTER AID SHALL BE PAID BASED ON THE POPULATION OF THE
14 NEWLY ESTABLISHED OR RECONFIGURED DISTRICT LIBRARY
15 CENTER.

16 (7) IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN DIRECT SERVICE AREA FROM
17 ONE LIBRARY TO ANOTHER, THE STATE LIBRARIAN, UPON AGREEMENT
18 OF THE AFFECTED LIBRARIES, MAY REDISTRIBUTE THE LOCAL LIBRARY
19 SHARE OF AID TO THE LIBRARY CURRENTLY SERVICING THE AREA.

20 SECTION 13. SECTION 2502.56(B) (2) (II) OF THE ACT, ADDED JULY
21 11, 2024 (P.L.618, NO.55), IS AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED
22 BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

23 SECTION 2502.56. STUDENT-WEIGHTED BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING
24 BEGINNING WITH 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.--* * *

25 (B) FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR
26 THEREAFTER, THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT A
27 BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING ALLOCATION WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE
28 FOLLOWING:

29 * * *

30 (2) A STUDENT-BASED ALLOCATION TO BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

1 * * *

2 (II) MULTIPLY THE PRODUCT IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY THE
3 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR THE ALLOCATION OF
4 BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE SUM OF THE
5 AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FOR THE ALLOCATION IN PARAGRAPH (1) AND
6 [SUBSECTION (C)] SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (C.1).

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8 (C.1) FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL
9 PAY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) TO A
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED IN A COUNTY OF THE SECOND CLASS A WITH A
11 2021-2022 ADJUSTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP GREATER THAN 5,590
12 AND LESS THAN 5,595 AND A 2021-2022 CURRENT EXPENDITURE OF LESS
13 THAN \$110,000,000. PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
14 DEEMED TO BE PART OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ALLOCATION AMOUNT
15 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (1) FOR THE IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING SCHOOL
16 YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER.

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18 SECTION 14. SECTIONS 2510.3(A) (2), 2599.6(A.4), (A.6) (2),
19 (A.7) (2), (A.8) AND (F) (1) AND 2608-J OF THE ACT, AMENDED OR
20 ADDED JULY 11, 2024 (P.L.618, NO.55), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

21 SECTION 2510.3. ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED TO
22 BE IN FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS OR IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL
23 WATCH STATUS.--(A) THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

24 * * *

25 (2) FOR THE 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021,
26 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 [AND], 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026
27 FISCAL YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY UTILIZE UP TO
28 SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) OF UNDISTRIBUTED FUNDS NOT
29 EXPENDED, ENCUMBERED OR COMMITTED FROM APPROPRIATIONS FOR
30 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND ASSESSMENTS MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

1 EDUCATION TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS DECLARED TO BE IN FINANCIAL
2 RECOVERY STATUS UNDER SECTION 621-A, IDENTIFIED FOR FINANCIAL
3 WATCH STATUS UNDER SECTION 611-A OR 694-A OR SUBJECT TO
4 OVERSIGHT DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER SECTION 625-A. THE
5 FUNDS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BUDGET TO A
6 RESTRICTED ACCOUNT AS NECESSARY TO MAKE PAYMENTS UNDER THIS
7 SECTION AND, WHEN TRANSFERRED, ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO CARRY
8 OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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10 SECTION 2599.6. READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT.--* * *

11 (A.4) FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR [AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR
12 THEREAFTER], EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL RECEIVE A READY-TO-LEARN
13 BLOCK GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY
14 THE SCHOOL ENTITY FROM THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE READY-TO-LEARN
15 BLOCK GRANT DURING THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

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17 (A.6) THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY AN ADEQUACY SUPPLEMENT FROM
18 THE READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION AS FOLLOWS:

19 * * *

20 (2) [(RESERVED).] FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

21 (I) DIVIDE THE AMOUNT DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION (F) (1) BY THE
22 SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION (F) (1) FOR EACH
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

24 (II) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT DETERMINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY
25 \$526,440,000.

26 (III) ADD THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) AND
27 AN AMOUNT CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

28 (A) IF THE SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH
29 (II) AND SUBSECTION (A.7) (2) FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LESS
30 THAN \$50,000, THE DIFFERENCE OF \$50,000 MINUS THE SUM OF THE

1 AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) AND SUBSECTION (A.7)
2 (2) FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

3 (B) IF THE SUM OF THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH
4 (II) AND SUBSECTION (A.7) (2) FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GREATER
5 THAN OR EQUAL TO \$50,000, \$0.

6 (A.7) THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PAY A TAX EQUITY SUPPLEMENT
7 FROM THE READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION AS FOLLOWS:

8 * * *

9 (2) [(RESERVED).] FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

10 (I) SUBTRACT THE AMOUNT RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) FROM
11 THE AMOUNT DETERMINED IN SUBSECTION (G) (1).

12 (II) DIVIDE THE DIFFERENCE IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) BY THE SUM OF
13 THE AMOUNTS DETERMINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) FOR EACH SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT.

15 (III) MULTIPLY THE QUOTIENT DETERMINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)
16 BY \$32,202,000.

17 (A.8) NO SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES FUNDING UNDER
18 SUBSECTION (A.6) OR (A.7) SHALL SEEK A REFERENDUM EXCEPTION
19 UNDER SECTION 333 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 27, 2006 (1ST SP.SESS.,
20 P.L.1873, NO.1), KNOWN AS THE TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT, FOR THE 2025-
21 2026 AND 2026-2027 SCHOOL [YEAR] YEARS.

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23 (F) THE PROVISIONS IN THIS SUBSECTION RELATE TO THE ADEQUACY
24 SUPPLEMENT. THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

25 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CALCULATE AN ADEQUACY GAP FOR EACH
26 SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

27 (I) FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT, MULTIPLY \$14,120 BY THE SCHOOL
28 DISTRICT'S STUDENT-WEIGHTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP CALCULATED
29 UNDER SUBSECTION (E) (2) .

30 (II) SUBTRACT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CURRENT EXPENDITURES

FROM THE AMOUNT CALCULATED FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER
SUBPARAGRAPH (I).

(III) DETERMINE THE GREATER OF \$0 OR THE DIFFERENCE
CALCULATED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II).

(IV) SUBTRACT THE ADEQUACY ADJUSTMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (3)
FROM THE AMOUNT DETERMINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III). FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ADEQUACY
ADJUSTMENT DETERMINED IN PARAGRAPH (3) FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHALL BE ZERO.

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SECTION 2608-J. APPLICABILITY.

THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO PROJECTS FOR WHICH APPROVAL AND
REIMBURSEMENT IS SOUGHT AND TO THE MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT
PROGRAM BEGINNING JULY 1, [2025] 2026.

SECTION 15. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.