

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ROZZI, KHAN, HILL-EVANS, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BELLMON,
DELLOSO, SCOTT AND CONKLIN, MARCH 25, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 25, 2024

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 reimbursements for
7 merged school districts.

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 2503.2. Reimbursements for Merged School
14 Districts.--(a) When two or more school districts form a merged
15 school district, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and each
16 school year thereafter, the Commonwealth shall, based on the
17 cost calculated by the Department of Education under subsection
18 (b), reimburse the merged school district for the cost of all of
19 the following:

20 (1) The additional cost per pupil associated with the

1 merger.

2 (2) The additional administrative cost associated with the
3 merger.

4 (3) A project associated with the merger, including the cost
5 for acquiring and preparing a site, constructing or acquiring a
6 building or preparing a building for school use, necessary
7 equipment, taxes chargeable to the project, necessary architect
8 fees and a reasonable amount of the cost for contingencies and
9 for other necessary incidental expenses.

10 (b) The Department of Education shall calculate the cost
11 associated with a merger under subsection (a) beginning in the
12 first school year that commences after the merger under
13 subsection (a) and ending in the fifth school year thereafter.
14 The Commonwealth shall reimburse the merged school district in
15 accordance with subsection (a) for the amount calculated by the
16 Department of Education under this subsection.

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