

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2483 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, QUIGLEY, CORBIN, KAMPF, LAWRENCE,
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EVANS, READSHAW, J. McNEILL, DeLUCA, KORTZ AND DRISCOLL,
JUNE 12, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 12, 2018

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 supplemental payment
7 of basic education funding and establishing the Basic
8 Education Supplemental Restricted Account within the General
9 Fund.

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

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

15 Section 2502.55. Supplemental Payment of Basic Education
16 Funding.--(a) The Basic Education Supplemental Restricted
17 Account is established within the General Fund. The account
18 shall consist of money appropriated or transferred to the
19 account and the interest earned by the account. The money in the
20 account is hereby appropriated on a continuing basis to the

1 Department of Education for the purpose of making supplemental
2 basic education payments under this section.

3 (b) During any fiscal year, if a school district
4 experiences a reduction in the real estate tax collected, due to
5 a change in tax status of a real property owner, of more than
6 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the previous fiscal
7 year, the Department of Education shall make a payment from the
8 account to the qualifying school district in an amount equal to
9 the reduction.

10 (c) If there are inadequate funds in the account to make
11 payments under this section, the payments shall be made on a pro
12 rata basis to qualifying school districts.

13 (d) (1) Payments made under this section shall be deemed to
14 be part of the school district's allocation amount under section
15 2502.53(b) (1) for the following school year and each school year
16 thereafter.

17 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply if the tax status of the
18 real property owner that caused the reduction in the real estate
19 tax collection changes to the prior tax status.

20 (e) If a qualifying school district receives a payment under
21 this section and subsequently is notified or otherwise becomes
22 aware that the tax status of the real property owner that caused
23 the reduction in the real estate tax collection changes to the
24 prior tax status, the qualifying school district shall notify
25 the Department of Education within 60 days of receiving the
26 notice or becoming aware of the change.

27 Section 2. Of the amount appropriated to the Department of
28 Education for the payment of basic education funding to school
29 districts under section 215 of the act of _____, 2018
30 (P.L. _____, No. _____), known as the General Appropriation Act of

1 2018, the sum of \$5,000,000 is allocated for transfer to the
2 Basic Education Supplemental Restricted Account. The transfer
3 shall occur within 10 days of the effective date of this
4 section.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.