

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
 2 No.1), entitled "An act providing for taxation by school
 3 districts, for the State funds formula, for tax relief in
 4 first class cities, for school district choice and voter
 5 participation, for other school district options and for a
 6 task force on school cost reduction; making an appropriation;
 7 prohibiting prior authorized taxation; providing for
 8 installment payment of taxes; restricting the power of
 9 certain school districts to levy, assess and collect taxes;
 10 and making related repeals," in State funds formula, further
 11 providing for certification and calculation of minimum and
 12 maximum modifiers; and, in senior citizens property tax and
 13 rent rebate assistance, further providing for property tax
 14 and rent rebate, for funds for payment of claims and for
 15 claim forms and rules and regulations.

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

18 Section 1. Sections 503(e)(2), 1304(a)(2) and (3) and
 19 1308(b)(4) of the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
 20 No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, are amended and the
 21 subsections are amended by adding paragraphs to read:

22 Section 503. Certification; calculation of minimum and maximum
 23 modifiers.

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2 (e) Distribution.--

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4 (2) For fiscal [year 2009-2010 and each fiscal year
5 thereafter] years 2009-2010 through 2022-2023, the secretary
6 shall distribute the difference between the amount certified
7 under subsection (a) (1) (i) and the sum of all of the
8 following:

9 (i) The difference between the sum of the amount of
10 approved claims to be paid in the next fiscal year under
11 section 1304(a) (2) (i) and (3) and the amount of approved
12 claims paid in the 2006-2007 fiscal year under section
13 1304(a) (1) .

14 (ii) The sum of all of the following:

15 (A) The amount sufficient to fund reimbursements
16 to eligible school districts pursuant to section 324.
17 The amount deducted pursuant to this clause shall be
18 calculated based on the information provided by
19 school districts pursuant to subsection (b) (2) .

20 (B) The amount of approved claims under section
21 704 .

22 (C) The amount of approved claims under section
23 1304(a) (2) (ii) .

24 (3) For fiscal year 2023-2024 and each fiscal year
25 thereafter, the secretary shall distribute the difference
26 between the amount certified under subsection (a) (1) (i) and
27 the sum of all of the following:

28 (i) The difference between the sum of the amount of
29 approved claims to be paid in the next fiscal year under
30 section 1304(a) (2) (i.1), (4) and (5) and the amount of

1 approved claims paid in the 2006-2007 fiscal year under
2 section 1304(a)(2).

3 (ii) The sum of all of the following:

4 (A) The amount sufficient to fund reimbursements
5 to eligible school districts pursuant to section 324.
6 The amount deducted under this clause shall be
7 calculated based on the information provided by
8 school districts under subsection (b)(2).

9 (B) The amount of approved claims under section
10 704.

11 (C) The amount of approved claims under section
12 1304(a)(2)(ii).

13 Section 1304. Property tax; and rent rebate.

14 (a) Schedule of rebates.--

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16 (2) The following apply:

17 (i) The base amount of any claim for property tax
18 rebate for real property taxes due and payable during
19 calendar [year 2006 and thereafter] years 2006 through
20 2022 shall be determined in accordance with the following
21 schedule:

	Amount of Real Property Taxes
Household Income	Allowed as Rebate
\$ 0 - \$ 8,000	\$650
8,001 - 15,000	500
15,001 - 18,000	300
18,001 - 35,000	250

28 (i.1) The following apply:

29 (A) For claimants in single-person households,
30 the base amount of any claim for property tax rebate

1 for real property taxes due and payable during
2 calendar year 2023 and thereafter shall be determined
3 in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Single-person</u>	<u>Amount of Real Property Taxes</u>
<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Allowed as Rebate</u>
<u>\$ 0 - \$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$650</u>
<u>8,001 - 15,000</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>15,001 - 18,000</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>18,001 - 35,000</u>	<u>250</u>

10 (B) For claimants in multiperson households, the
11 base amount of any claim for property tax rebate for
12 real property taxes due and payable during calendar
13 year 2023 and thereafter shall be determined in
14 accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Multiperson</u>	<u>Amount of Real Property Taxes</u>
<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Allowed as Rebate</u>
<u>\$ 0 - \$28,000</u>	<u>\$650</u>
<u>28,001 - 35,000</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>35,001 - 38,000</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>38,001 - 55,000</u>	<u>250</u>

21 (ii) The supplemental amount for a claimant with a
22 household income equal to or less than \$30,000 and an
23 eligible claim for property tax rebate for real property
24 taxes due and payable during the calendar year preceding
25 the first year in which a payment under section 505(b) is
26 made and each year thereafter and whose real property
27 taxes exceed 15% of the claimant's household income shall
28 be equal to 50% of the base amount determined under
29 [subparagraph (i)] this paragraph. A claimant who is a
30 resident of a city of the first class, a city of the

1 second class A or a school district of the first class A
2 shall be ineligible for the supplemental amount under
3 this subparagraph.

4 (3) The amount of any claim for rent rebate in lieu of
5 property taxes for rent due and payable during calendar [year
6 2006 and thereafter] years 2006 through 2022 shall be
7 determined in accordance with the following:

8	Amount of Rent Rebate in
9	Lieu of Property Taxes
10	Household Income
	Allowed as Rebate
11	\$ 0 - \$ 8,000 \$650
12	8,001 - 15,000 500

13 (4) For claimants in single-person households, the
14 amount of any claim for rent rebate in lieu of property taxes
15 for rent due and payable during calendar year 2023 and
16 thereafter shall be determined in accordance with the
17 following:

18	<u>Amount of Rent Rebate in</u>
19	<u>Lieu of Property Taxes</u>
20	<u>Household Income</u>
	<u>Allowed as Rebate</u>
21	<u>\$ 0 - \$ 8,000 \$650</u>
22	<u>8,001 - 15,000 500</u>

23 (5) For claimants in multiperson households, the amount
24 of any claim for rent rebate in lieu of property taxes for
25 rent due and payable during calendar year 2023 and thereafter
26 shall be determined in accordance with the following:

27	<u>Amount of Rent Rebate in</u>
28	<u>Lieu of Property Taxes</u>
29	<u>Household Income</u>
	<u>Allowed as Rebate</u>
30	<u>\$ 0 - \$15,500 \$650</u>

1 Section 2. Section 1309(b) of the act is amended to read:

2 Section 1309. Claim forms and rules and regulations.

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4 (b) Report to General Assembly.--In addition to any rules
5 and regulations prescribed under subsection (a), the department
6 shall collect the following information and issue a report
7 including such information to the chairman and minority chairman
8 of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman
9 and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the
10 House of Representatives by September 30, 2006, and September 30
11 of each year thereafter.

12 (1) The total number of claims which will be paid in the
13 fiscal year in which the report is issued with the
14 information provided by school district, by county and for
15 each household income level under section [1304(a)(2)(i)]
16 1304(a)(2).

17 (2) The total amount of rebates paid in the fiscal year
18 in which the report is issued with the information provided
19 by school district, by county and for each household income
20 level under section [1304(a)(2)(i)] 1304(a)(2).

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.