THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, KHAN, SANCHEZ, VENKAT, BOROWSKI, PIELLI, HILL-EVANS, GUENST, HADDOCK, DONAHUE, SCHLOSSBERG, FREEMAN, HARKINS, WARREN, DELLOSO, KENYATTA AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, JANUARY 8, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 8, 2025

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An 1 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 school finances, further providing 5 for fiscal year and for tax levy and limitations. 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Sections 671(b)(2) and 672(a) of the act of March 9 10 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 11 1949, are amended to read: Section 671. Fiscal Year.--* * * 12 (b) * * * 13 14 A school district that delays the adoption of its annual 15 budget under paragraph (1) shall adopt an annual budget no later 16 than [fifteen] thirty days subsequent to the enactment of 17 legislation providing the appropriation for basic education

funding to be paid as a reimbursement for the preceding year.

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- 1 Section 672. Tax Levy; Limitations.--(a) In all school
- 2 districts of the second, third, and fourth class, all school
- 3 taxes shall be levied and assessed by the board of school
- 4 directors therein, during the month of February or March or
- 5 April or May or June each year, or no later than [twenty]
- 6 <u>thirty-five</u> days following the enactment of legislation
- 7 providing the appropriation for basic education funding to be
- 8 paid as a reimbursement for the preceding school year, for the
- 9 ensuing fiscal year, except in districts of the second class
- 10 where the fiscal year begins on the first day of January, in
- 11 which the school taxes shall be levied and assessed during the
- 12 month of October or November of each year. In such school
- 13 districts the tax rate shall not exceed twenty-five mills on the
- 14 dollar, on the total amount of the assessed valuation of all
- 15 property taxable for school purposes therein. Each school
- 16 district of the second, third or fourth class may also collect a
- 17 per capita tax on each resident or inhabitant of such district
- 18 over eighteen years of age, as herein provided.
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- 20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.