
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 542 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY TOMLINSON, MENSCH, FONTANA AND STEFANO,
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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 charter schools, further providing
6 for funding for charter schools.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1725-A(a)(3) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended and the subsection is amended by adding a clause to
12 read:

13 Section 1725-A. Funding for Charter Schools.--(a) Funding
14 for a charter school shall be provided in the following manner:

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16 (3) For special education students, the charter school shall
17 receive for each student enrolled the same funding as for each
18 non-special education student as provided in clause (2), plus an
19 additional amount determined by dividing the district of
20 residence's total special education expenditure by [the product

1 of multiplying the combined percentage of section 2509.5(k)
2 times the district of residence's total average daily membership
3 for the prior school year.] the total number of special
4 education students who reside in the school district. This
5 amount shall be paid by the district of residence of each
6 student.

7 (3.1) The following shall apply to clause (3):

8 (i) The total number of special education students who
9 reside in the school district shall be the sum of the following:

10 (A) The number of special education students who reside in
11 the school district for which the annual expenditure is in
12 Category 1.

13 (B) The number of special education students who reside in
14 the school district for which the annual expenditure is in
15 Category 2.

16 (C) The number of special education students who reside in
17 the school district for which the annual expenditure is in
18 Category 3.

19 (ii) The dollar ranges for the annual expenditure amounts
20 designated as Category 1, Category 2 and Category 3 under
21 subclause (i) and the data used to calculate the total number of
22 special education students who reside in the school district
23 under subclause (i) shall be the same as provided for under
24 section 2509.5(bbb) (2) (vii) and (viii).

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