

**ASSEMBLY, No. 452**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOE to release to school district upon request data and software program algorithms used to calculate State school aid.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1   **AN ACT** concerning the calculation of State school aid and  
2       supplementing P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-43 et al.).

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4       **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5       of New Jersey:

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7       1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1995,  
8       c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1 et seq.) or any other section of law to the  
9       contrary, the Department of Education shall provide to any school  
10      district that requests the information, the data for all school districts  
11      used to calculate State school aid pursuant to P.L.2007, c.260  
12      (C.18A:7F-43 et al.) and P.L.2018, c.67 (C.18A:7F-67 et al.),  
13      including the data necessary to calculate and reconcile all school  
14      districts' adequacy budgets, equalization aid, and local shares, and  
15      the details of any adjustments made when the calculated local share  
16      exceeds the adequacy budget for every such district in the State, and  
17      the software program algorithms used by the department to  
18      calculate State school aid, regardless of whether or not the  
19      department considers the software program to be proprietary.

20      The department shall also provide a reconciliation, broken down  
21      by district, that demonstrates that total local share plus total  
22      equalization aid equals the total of all adequacy budgets Statewide  
23      in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of P.L.2007, c.260  
24      (C.18A:7F-52 and C.18A:7F-53).

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26      2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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31      This bill requires the Department of Education to provide to any  
32      school district that requests the information, the data for all school  
33      districts used to calculate State school aid, including the data  
34      necessary to calculate and reconcile all school districts' adequacy  
35      budgets, equalization aid, and local shares, and the details of any  
36      adjustments made when the calculated local share exceeds the  
37      adequacy budget for every such district in the State, and the  
38      software program algorithms used by the department to calculate  
39      State school aid. The department would be required to provide the  
40      software program regardless of whether or not the department  
41      considers the software program to be proprietary.

42      Under the bill's provisions, the department would also be  
43      required to provide a reconciliation, broken down by district, that  
44      demonstrates that total local share plus total equalization aid equals  
45      the total of all adequacy budgets Statewide in accordance with  
46      sections 10 and 11 of the "School Funding Reform Act of 2008"  
47      (SFRA), P.L.2007, c.260.

1       As some school districts grapple with reductions in State school  
2 aid under the provisions of P.L.2018 c.67 (C.18A:7F-67 et al.),  
3 commonly referred to as S-2, it is only fair that increased  
4 transparency on the State school aid calculations be provided to  
5 school districts. These school districts need to have the information  
6 required for them to determine that the State school aid formula has  
7 been calculated correctly and in accordance with the law for all  
8 school districts in the State.