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SYNOPSIS

Reestablishes senior citizen supplemental stabilization aid.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** providing additional State education aid to certain school
2 districts and supplementing P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-43 et
3 seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. In addition to any State aid received pursuant to
9 P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-43 et seq.) or any other law, a school
10 district in a municipality which has a population composed of more
11 than 51% senior citizens age 65 or older according to the most
12 recent federal decennial census shall receive senior citizen
13 supplemental stabilization aid. Except as otherwise provided
14 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, a qualifying school district
15 shall receive aid equal to \$500 multiplied by the district's projected
16 resident enrollment for the budget year.

17 b. In the event that a municipality that meets the criteria
18 established in subsection a. of this section is a constituent
19 municipality of a regional school district, the additional aid for the
20 regional school district shall be calculated by multiplying the
21 number of students who reside in the constituent municipality
22 projected to enroll in the regional school district in the budget year
23 by \$500. The share of the school tax levy for the regional school
24 district attributable to the qualifying constituent municipality
25 calculated pursuant to N.J.S. 18A:13-23 shall be reduced by the
26 amount of senior citizen supplemental stabilization aid received
27 pursuant this section.

28 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1996,
29 c.138 (C.18A:7F-5) or any other law or regulation to the contrary,
30 the aid awarded pursuant to the provisions of subsections a. and b.
31 of this section shall not be adjusted based on the school district's
32 actual resident enrollment in the budget year.
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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply in
35 the 2008-2009 school year.
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38 **STATEMENT**
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40 This bill reestablishes the State education aid category known as
41 senior citizen supplemental stabilization aid. This aid category was
42 originally established under the "Comprehensive Educational
43 Improvement and Financing Act of 1996" (CEIFA), P.L.1996,
44 c.138, and provided additional aid to school districts located in
45 municipalities in which at least 45% of the residents were 65 years
46 old or older. The statute authorizing this State aid category was
47 repealed with the passage of the "School Funding Reform Act of
48 2008," P.L.2007, c.260. Under this bill, \$500 per pupil will be

1 provided for students residing in municipalities in which at least
2 51% of the residents are 65 years old or older.

3 According to the 2000 federal decennial census, two
4 municipalities, Manchester Township and Berkeley Township, meet
5 the 51% threshold. Since Berkeley Township is one of the
6 constituent municipalities of the Central Regional School District,
7 the additional aid for the Berkeley students attending this district
8 will be used to reduce the township's share of the regional school
9 tax apportionment.