

ASSEMBLY, No. 1195

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Provides that State pay tax levy portion of charter school funding currently provided by resident school district.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** providing for partial State funding of charter schools and
2 amending P.L.1995, c.426.

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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. Section 12 of P.L.1995, c.426 (C.18A:36A-12) is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 12. a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2007, c.260).

10 b. (1) The school district of residence shall pay directly to the
11 charter school for each student enrolled in the charter school who
12 resides in the district an amount equal to 90% **of the sum** of the
13 budget year equalization aid per pupil **and the prebudget year**
14 general fund tax levy per pupil inflated by the CPI rate most recent
15 to the calculation**].** In addition, the school district of residence
16 shall pay directly to the charter school the security categorical aid
17 attributable to the student and a percentage of the district's special
18 education categorical aid equal to the percentage of the district's
19 special education students enrolled in the charter school and, if
20 applicable, 100% of preschool education aid. The district of
21 residence shall also pay directly to the charter school any federal
22 funds attributable to the student.

23 (2) The State shall pay directly to a charter school for each
24 student enrolled in the charter school an amount equal to 100% of
25 the prebudget year general fund tax levy per pupil for the student's
26 school district of residence, inflated by the CPI rate most recent to
27 the calculation.

28 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2007, c.260).

29 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of
30 subsection b. of this section, in the case of a student who was not
31 included in the district's projected resident enrollment for the school
32 year, the State shall pay 100% of the amount required pursuant to
33 paragraph (1) of subsection b. of this section for the first year of the
34 student's enrollment in the charter school.

35 e. The State shall make payments required pursuant to
36 subsection d. of this section directly to the charter school.

37 (cf: P.L.2007, c.260, s.58)

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
40 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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45 Under current law, if a student enrolls in a charter school, the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 district of residence is required to transfer a portion of its tax levy
2 and State aid to the charter school. Under this bill, the State, rather
3 than the school district of residence, would pay an amount equal to
4 100 percent of the district of residence's prior year tax levy per
5 pupil, inflated by the CPI, to the charter school.