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District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Provides Student Population Density Aid to certain public school districts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning State aid for certain school districts and
2 supplementing P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-1 et seq.).

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

7 1. a. In addition to any State school aid to which a school
8 district is entitled for the school year under P.L.1996, c.138
9 (C.18A:7F-1 et seq.) or any other law, a school district shall receive
10 Student Population Density Aid calculated as follows:

11 Aid = (SDSA) x (1 + CPI) x EP provided that Aid shall not be
12 less than zero, and

13 Where

SDSA equals the per pupil amount of State aid received by the school district in the prebudget year, other than State aid received pursuant to this subsection;

EP means the number of students in the district's projected resident enrollment for the budget year minus the number that results from dividing the Statewide projected resident enrollment for the budget year by the total population of the State according to the latest federal decennial census and then multiplying the population of the municipality or municipalities that comprise the district by that percentage; and

24 CPI means the CPI as defined in section 3 of P.L.1996, c.138
25 (C.18A:7F-3).

b. The aid received by a school district pursuant to subsection
a. of this section shall be adjusted pursuant to the procedures
established in subsection a. of section 5 of P.L.1996, c.138
(C.18A:7F-5) to reflect actual pupil counts for the budget year.

31 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
32 the 2006-2007 school year.

STATEMENT

37 This bill establishes a new State school aid program, Student
38 Population Density Aid. The purpose of the State aid is to provide
39 additional support to those school districts in which the ratio of
40 public school students to district population exceeds the State
41 average ratio of public school students to total State population.

Under the bill's provisions, an eligible school district will receive Student Population Density Aid in an amount equal to the district's per pupil State aid amount multiplied by number of students that results when the population of the municipality in which the district is located is multiplied by the percentage that the State's public school enrollment is of Statewide population, and then this number is subtracted from the district's resident enrollment. This

1 calculation will provide additional State support to those
2 communities in which a very significant percentage of the
3 community is of school-age and, as a result, the community must
4 allocate a significant percentage of its resources to the education of
5 these students.