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SYNOPSIS

Provides that certain school districts will receive State school aid in amounts equal to aid provided in 2020-2021 school year.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the provision of State school aid for certain
2 school districts.

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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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of P.L.2018,
8 c.67 (C.18A:7F-68) or any other law, rule, or regulation to the
9 contrary, a school district in which the State aid differential, as
10 defined in section 3 of P.L.2018, c.67 (C.18A:7F-67), is positive
11 and that is subject to a State school aid reduction pursuant to the
12 provisions of section 4 of P.L.2018, c.67 (C.18A:7F-68) shall
13 receive an amount of State school aid in the 2021-2022 school year
14 equal to the amount of State school aid provided to the district in
15 the 2020-2021 school year.

16 b. To the extent permitted by federal law, the costs borne by the
17 State to ensure that a school district receives State school aid in the
18 amount provided pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be
19 paid for from federal funds allocated to the State under the federal
20 “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act,”
21 Pub.L.116-136, the federal “Coronavirus Response and Relief
22 Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021,” Pub.L.116-260,
23 the federal “American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act,” Pub.L.117-2, or
24 any other federal funding made available to address the impact of
25 the coronavirus pandemic.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately but shall remain
28 inoperative until the enactment into law of the fiscal year 2022
29 appropriations act.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill provides that a school district that has a positive State
35 aid differential and is subject to a reduction in State school aid
36 under P.L.2018, c.67 (commonly referred to as “S-2”) will receive
37 an amount of State school aid in the 2021-2022 school year equal to
38 the amount of the district’s State school aid in the 2020-2021 school
39 year. The bill requires that the costs borne by the State to provide
40 this level of State school aid would be paid for from federal funds
41 allocated to the State under the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
42 and Economic Security (CARES) Act,” the federal “Coronavirus
43 Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act,
44 2021,” the federal “American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act,” or any other
45 federal funding made available to address the impact of the
46 coronavirus pandemic.