

ASSEMBLY, No. 5379

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Provides that certain school districts will not receive State school aid reductions in 2023-2024 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 P.L.2018, c.67
8 (C.18A:7F-67 et al.) or any other law, rule, or regulation to the
9 contrary, a school district in which, for any of the 2021-2022, 2022-
10 2023, or 2023-2024 school years, the State aid differential, as
11 defined in section 3 of P.L.2018, c.67 (C.18A:7F-67), is positive
12 and that is subject to a State school aid reduction pursuant to the
13 provisions of section 4 of P.L.2018, c.67 (C.18A:7F-68) shall
14 receive an amount of State school aid in the 2023-2024 school year
15 that is equal to the highest amount of State school aid provided to
16 the district for any of the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, or 2022-2023
17 school years.

18 b. To the extent permitted by federal law, the costs borne by the
19 State to ensure that a school district receives State school aid in the
20 amount provided pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be
21 paid for from federal funds allocated to the State under the federal
22 “American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act,” Pub.L.117-2, or any other
23 federal funding made available to address the impact of the
24 coronavirus pandemic.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately but shall remain
27 inoperative until the enactment into law of the fiscal year 2024
28 appropriations act.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill provides that a school district that has been subject to a
34 reduction in State school aid under S2 in any of the school years
35 2021-2022, 2022-2023, or 2023-2024 will receive an amount of
36 State school aid in the 2023-2024 school year that is equal to the
37 highest amount received by the district in the school years for any
38 of the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, or 2022-2023 school years.

39 This bill requires the costs of providing this level of State school
40 aid to be paid for from the federal funds allocated to the State under
41 the federal “American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act,” or any other
42 federal funding available to address the impact of the coronavirus
43 pandemic.