

No. 132

AN ACT

HB 1079

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further defining "density factor."

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause (16) of section 2501, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added February 1, 1966 (P.L.1642), is amended to read:

Section 2501. Definitions.—For the purposes of this article the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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(16) "Density Factor" shall be assigned for those school districts whether coterminous with a city, borough, town or township or not, whose population exceeds ten thousand (10,000) per square mile as determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction from the most recent records of the United States Census Bureau: *Provided, That any school district which was assigned a density factor for any school year prior to 1969-1970, and for any school year thereafter is determined by the superintendent to have a population of ten thousand (10,000) per square mile or less shall qualify for a modified density payment which shall be in the ratio of its population per square mile to ten thousand (10,000) of the amount to which it would have been entitled had its population per square mile exceeded ten thousand (10,000): And, provided further, That any school district which was assigned a density factor for any school year prior to 1969-1970, and for any school year thereafter and as a result of a merger with one or more other school districts becomes a part of a new school district and such new school district is determined by the superintendent to have a population of ten thousand (10,000) per square mile or less, such new school district shall qualify for a modified density payment which shall be in the ratio of its population per square mile to ten thousand (10,000) of the amount to which it would have been entitled had its population per square mile exceeded ten thousand (10,000).* A school district qualifying under the density factor shall be paid by the Commonwealth on account of excess expenditures per weighted average daily membership, not to exceed for the school year 1966-1967 one hundred dollars (\$100), for the school year 1967-1968 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), for the school year 1968-1969 two hundred dollars (\$200), for the school year 1969-1970 and each school year thereafter two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), in excess of four hundred dollars (\$400), an

amount to be determined by multiplying the excess expenditures by the aid ratio or by three hundred seventy-five thousandths (.375), whichever is greater and by the number of weighted pupils, such amount to be in addition to any other payments for such pupils: Provided, however, a school district qualifying under the density factor may, in lieu of the above payment, elect for any school year to be paid and the Commonwealth shall pay on account of excess expenditures per weighted average daily membership in excess of four hundred dollars (\$400) a sum of thirty dollars (\$30) per weighted average daily membership, such amount to be in addition to any other payments for such pupils.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of June, A. D. 1970.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 132.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Kelley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.