

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:58-37.7 (Non--public schools--textbook aid--payment to local school districts by July 31)

LAWS OF: 1986

CHAPTER 17

BILL NO: A1433

Sponsor(s): Palaia

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Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Education

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1433

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblyman PALAIA

AN ACT concerning payment of certain State aid to school districts
and amending P. L. 1974, c. 79.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 7 of P. L. 1974, c. 79 (C. 18A:58-37.7) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 7. The sums payable as State aid to school districts pursuant to
4 this act shall be **[**payable in accordance with the following schedule:
5 one-quarter on October 1, one-quarter on December 1, one-quarter
6 on February 1 and one-quarter on May 1**]** *paid in full no later than*
7 *July 31*. The State Treasurer shall make such payment to each
8 board of education upon a certificate of the commissioner and
9 warrant of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

10 *A district shall refund any unexpended State aid after completion*
11 *of the school year if the expenditures incurred by the district pur-*
12 *suant to P. L. 1974, c. 79 (C. 18A:58-37.1 et seq.) are less than the*
13 *amount of State aid received therefor. The refund shall be paid*
14 *no later than December 1.*

1 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1986.

EDUCATION—FINANCE AND STATE AID

Directs that State aid payable to school districts for nonpublic
school textbook costs shall be paid in full by July 31.

**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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1433

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel
PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblyman PALAIA

ASSEMBLY, No. 4302

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 12, 1985

By Assemblymen PALAIA and VILLANE

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STATEMENT

Prior to passage of P. L. 1984, c. 121, each district was responsible for nonpublic school textbook costs for children residing in that district. The 1984 law makes the district in which a nonpublic school is located responsible for textbooks for all children attending that nonpublic school. Because textbooks are usually purchased in the

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summer, before State aid is received for their purchase, many districts are forced to pay for the nonpublic school textbooks with public school funds.

This bill permits payments to school districts for nonpublic school textbook aid by July 31 of each year and establishes a deadline of December 1 for the repayment by school districts of any overpayments in State nonpublic school textbook aid.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

Assembly Bill No. 1433DATED: January 30, 1986

This bill directs that State aid payable to school districts for nonpublic school textbook costs shall be paid in full by July 31. Any overpayments received by a district must be repaid by December 1.

Prior to 1984, each district was responsible for the cost of textbooks for nonpublic school students residing in that district. P.L. 1984, c. 121 transferred those costs to the district in which the nonpublic school is located. Districts which contain nonpublic schools are now required to expend funds for nonpublic school books during the summer prior to the school year and receive State reimbursement in four quarterly payments in October, December, February and May.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4302 of 1985.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1986 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1433
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 24, 1986

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1433.

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