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(Creates Permanent Commission on State School Support)

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SENATE, No. 316

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1970 SESSION

By Senators BATEMAN and TANZMAN

AN ACT establishing a Permanent Commission on State School Support and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 1. The Legislature finds (a) that the State Aid to School Dis-
2 tricts Study Commission in its final report of December 19, 1968,
3 to the Governor and Legislature, entitled "A Commitment to New
4 Jersey's Children—A State School Support Program for New
5 Jersey," recommending a new revised formula for the distribution
6 of State aid moneys among the several school districts also recom-
7 mended the establishment of a permanent legislative commission
8 (1) to conduct a continuing study of the operation of said new
9 formula for the purpose of recommending from time to time such
10 changes as may be necessary and desirable to meet changing con-
11 ditions* *including but not limited to a study of financial aid to*
12 *pupils attending nonpublic schools**; (2) to study immediately and
13 make recommendations regarding the practicability and desirability
13A of changes in the amount and types of State aid **for pupils attend-*
13B *ing both public and nonpublic schools,** for purposes of pupil trans-
14 portation, special education, school building construction, pre-kin-
15 dergarten education, and summer school programs; and (3) in
16 cooperation with the Commission on State Tax Policy, to study the
17 use of income as a basis for measuring the ability of school districts
18 in the allocation of State support and the impact of heavy municipal
19 and county nonschool expenditures on the local school tax base; (b)
20 and that the adoption of said new revised formula in the "State
21 School Incentive-Equalization Aid Law" should be accompanied
22 by the establishment of such a Permanent Commission on State
23 School Support to implement fully the recommendations of said
24 commission.

1 2. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the
2 "Permanent Commission on State School Support." The com-
3 mission shall consist of 12 members, 4 to be appointed by the
4 President of the Senate*, *at least 2 of whom shall be members*
5 *of the Senate**, 4 to be appointed by the Speaker of the General
5A Assembly*, *at least 2 of whom shall be members of the*
5B *General Assembly** and 4 to be appointed by the Governor from
6 among the citizens of the State. No more than 2 of each group
7 of 4 shall be of the same political party. Each member shall serve
8 for a term of 2 years from the date of his appointment and until
9 his successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies resulting from
10 causes other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the un-
11 expired term only and shall be filled in the same manner as the
12 original appointments were made.

1 3. All members of the commission shall serve without compen-
2 sation, but they shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all necessary
3 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

1 4. The commission shall select from among its members a chair-
2 man and a vice-chairman and also shall select a secretary who
3 need not be a member of the commission.

1 5. The commission is authorized, empowered and directed (a)
2 to conduct a continuous study of the operation of the "State School
3 Incentive-Equalization Aid Law" and to recommend from time
4 to time such changes in said law as it deems practicable and de-
5 sirable for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient
6 system of free public schools; (b) to conduct an immediate study
7 of the practicability and desirability of changes in the amount and
8 types of State aid for the purposes of pupil transportation, special
9 education, school building construction, pre-kindergarten education
10 and summer school programs; and (c) in cooperation with the
11 Commission on State Tax Policy to study the use of income as a
12 basis for measuring the ability of school districts in the allocation
13 of State support and the impact of heavy municipal and county
14 and other nonschool expenditures on the local school tax base.

1 6. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations
2 to the Governor and the Legislature annually on the second Tues-
3 day in January and at such other times as it deems necessary or
4 desirable.

1 7. The commission may hold hearings in any part of the State
2 and by its subpoena may compel the attendance of witnesses and
3 the production of books, papers and records. It shall be entitled
4 to the assistance and services of any State, county, municipal an

5 school district employees as may be required, particularly the
6 personnel of the Department of Education, and the commission
7 may employ such competent counsel, expert advisors on the sub-
8 ject of school financing and taxation, and such other assistants
9 as may be required for the proper accomplishment of the purposes
10 of this act; provided, that the compensation to be paid to such
11 counsel, advisors and assistants shall be within the limits of the
12 appropriation made therefor.

1 8. There is appropriated for the purposes of this act the sum
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STATEMENT

This bill would implement in part the recommendations of the State Aid to School Districts Study Commission contained in its December 19, 1968, report: "A Commitment to New Jersey's Children—A State School Support Program for New Jersey."