

18A:46A-3 et al

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SENATE, No. 524

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Senator VAN WAGNER

AN ACT concerning education and amending P. L. 1977, c. 192.

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

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1977, c. 192 (C. 18A:46A-3) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 3. In the 1977-78 school year, and each school year thereafter
4 each board of education *of a district in which a nonpublic school*
5 *is located* shall provide for the receipt of auxiliary services by
6 children between the ages of five and 20 residing in the [district]
7 *State* and enrolled *full-time* in [the] a nonpublic [schools of the
8 *State]* school located *within the district*.

9 For the purposes of this act, a child who boards at a school in
10 a district in which his parents do not maintain a residence shall
11 not be considered a resident of the district.

1 2. Section 6 of P. L. 1977, c. 192 (C. 18A:46A-6) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 6. If the provision of services pursuant to this act requires
4 transportation *or the maintenance of vehicular classrooms*, the
5 board of education *of the district in which a nonpublic school is*
6 *located* shall provide for such transportation *and maintenance*,
7 and the cost shall be paid from *additional* State aid received by
8 the district [pursuant to] *for the purpose of this act*.

1 3. Section 9 of P. L. 1977, c. 192 (C. 18A:46A-9) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 9. The apportionment of State aid among local school districts
4 shall be calculated by the commissioner as follows:

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.

5 a. The Statewide average cost of providing the equivalent ser-
6 vice to children enrolled in the public schools, shall be determined.

7 b. The appropriate average cost shall then be multiplied by the
8 number of pupils enrolled in the nonpublic schools who **[are ex-**
9 **pected]** *have been identified as eligible* to receive each auxiliary
10 service *as of the last school day of October of the current school*
11 *year*, to obtain each district's State aid for the next school year.

1 4. Section 13 of P. L. 1977, c. 192 (C. 18A:46A-10) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 13. **[Annually by October 5, each board of education shall file**
4 **with the commissioner a report stating the number of pupils re-**
5 **siding in the district and enrolled in the nonpublic schools of the**
6 **State on the last day of September.]** By **[October 5, 1978,]** *Novem-*
7 *ber 5, 1984* and by each **[October]** *November 5* thereafter, each
8 board shall **[also]** file a report on the number of such pupils **[ex-**
9 **pected]** *who have been identified as eligible* to receive each auxiliary
10 service **[during the next school year]** *as of the last school day in*
11 *October.*

1 5. Section 16 of P. L. 1977, c. 192 (C. 18A:46A-13) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 16. In the 1978-79 school year and each year thereafter, aid
4 pursuant to this act shall be payable in equal amounts beginning
5 on the first day of September and on the first day of each month
6 during the remainder of the school year. *If a local board of edu-*
7 *cation requires funds prior to the first payment, the board shall*
8 *file a written request with the commissioner stating the need for*
9 *the funds. The commissioner shall review each request and for-*
10 *ward the requests for which need has been demonstrated to the*
11 *appropriate officials for payment.*

1 6. Section 17 of P. L. 1977, c. 192 (C. 18A:46A-14) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 17. In the event the expenditure incurred by any district is less
4 than the amount of State aid received, the **[district's State aid**
5 **shall be reduced accordingly during the second year following the**
6 **receipt of such aid]** *district shall refund the unexpended State aid*
7 *after the completion of the school year. These refunds shall be*
8 *paid no later than by December 1. In any year, a district may sub-*
9 *mit a request for additional aid pursuant to P. L. 1977, c. 192 (C.*
10 *18A:46A-1 et seq.). If the request is approved and funds are avail-*
11 *able from refunds received from school districts from the prior year,*
12 *payments for the additional aid shall be made immediately from*
13 *those funds.*

1 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 524

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 1984

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports this bill and endorses the Senate Education Committee Statement which reads as follows:

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