

ASSEMBLY, No. 5483

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Redistributes fiscal year 2023 transportation and security aid from remote school districts to in-person school districts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/25/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning the provision of certain State school aid.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. As used in this section:

7 “In-Person school district” means a school district the
8 superintendent of which certifies under penalty of perjury that it
9 offered all of the students of the district in-person instruction on 75
10 percent or more of school days during the 2021-2022 school year.

11 “Remote school district” means a school district the
12 superintendent of which certifies under penalty of perjury that it
13 offered all of the students of the district in-person instruction on 50
14 percent or less of school days during the 2021-2022 school year.

15 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2007, c.260
16 (C.18A:7F-43 et al.) or any other law, rule, or regulation to the
17 contrary, 50 percent of the amount of transportation aid and security
18 aid allocated to remote school districts in the 2022-2023 school year
19 shall be redistributed to in-person school districts on an equal per
20 pupil basis.

21 c. The Commissioner of Education shall set forth guidance for
22 superintendents certifying the number and percentage of school
23 days offered to all students by a school district through in-person
24 instruction for the purposes of implementing the provisions of
25 subsection b. of this section.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
28 inoperative until the enactment into law of the fiscal year 2023
29 appropriations act.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires that 50 percent of the amount of transportation
35 aid and security aid allocated to “remote school districts” in the
36 2022-2023 school year will be redistributed to “in-person school
37 districts” on an equal per pupil basis. The bill defines an in-person
38 school district as a school district whose superintendent certifies
39 under penalty of perjury that it offered all of the students of the
40 district in-person instruction on 75 percent or more of school days
41 during the 2021-2022 school year. A remote school district is
42 defined as a school district whose superintendent certifies under
43 penalty of perjury that it offered all of the students of the district in-
44 person instruction on 50 percent or less of school days during the
45 2021-2022 school year.