

ASSEMBLY, No. 2741

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen COLLINS, ROCCO and Stuhltrager

1 AN ACT concerning State aid for public school districts,  
2 supplementing P.L.1996, c.138 and making an appropriation.

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

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7 1. Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1996, c.138 (C:18A:7F-1  
8 et seq.) or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto to the  
9 contrary, for the 1997-98 school year a school district, county  
10 vocational school district, or county special services school district  
11 shall receive additional State aid equal to the amount by which the  
12 district's State aid was reduced in the 1996-97 school year pursuant  
13 to the provisions of P.L.1995, c.236 (C.18A:7E-1 et seq.). For the  
14 1998-99 school year and thereafter, this additional amount shall be  
15 included in the school district's or county vocational school district's  
16 prebudget year net budget and prebudget year net T&E budget.

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18 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department  
19 of Education \$6,602,749 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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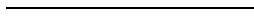
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STATEMENT

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26 The "Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act  
27 of 1996," P.L.1996, c.138, repealed the "School Efficiency Program  
28 Act." This bill would return to school districts in the 1997-98 school  
29 year the amount of State aid which was deducted from their aid  
30 entitlement in the 1996-97 school year. In addition, the bill makes  
31 clear that beginning in the 1998-99 school year this additional State  
32 aid amount will be included in the district's prebudget year net budget  
33 and prebudget year net T&E budget.

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3 Restores State aid in the 1997-98 school year to public school districts

4 with administrative penalties in the 1996-97 school year; appropriates

5 \$6,602,749.