

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 283, *approved November 8, 2021*
Senate, No. 3948

1 **AN ACT** concerning State aid to certain school districts,
2 supplementing P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-43), and making an
3 appropriation.

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

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8 1. In addition to any other State aid provided pursuant to
9 P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-43 et al.), a school district may receive
10 military impact aid if, in the prebudget year, the school district
11 received a Basic Support Payment of federal Impact Aid under
12 section 7003 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education
13 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. s.7703) and the district provides free public
14 education to federally connected children whose parents are on
15 active duty in the uniformed services. The amount of military
16 impact aid provided to a district pursuant to this section shall be
17 calculated as follows:

$$18 \quad \text{MIA} = (\text{PPLTL} - \text{PPIA}) \times \text{REFCMS}$$

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21 where

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23 PPLTL is the per pupil general fund tax levy, which is derived
24 by dividing the prebudget year general fund tax levy by resident
25 enrollment, without the inclusion of federally connected children
26 whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services and who
27 otherwise are included in the calculation of resident enrollment as
28 defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-45);

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30 PPIA is the per pupil federal impact aid amount, which is the
31 result of dividing the amount of a school district's Basic Support
32 Payment received in the prebudget year by the number of federally
33 connected children whose parents are on active duty in the
34 uniformed services; and

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36 REFCMS is the resident enrollment of federally connected
37 children whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services;

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39 A school district shall not receive military impact aid pursuant to
40 this section if the difference between PPTL and PPIA is negative.

1 2. Such sums as are necessary to provide additional aid to a
2 school district for military impact aid determined pursuant to
3 section 1 of this act are appropriated from the Property Tax Relief
4 Fund to the Department of Education, subject to the approval of the
5 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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7 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill establishes an additional category of State school aid
13 known as military impact aid. A school district would be eligible
14 for this category of aid if it received a Basic Support Payment of
15 federal Impact Aid in the prior fiscal year and the district provides
16 free public education to federally connected children whose parents
17 are on active duty in the uniformed services. The Federal Impact
18 Aid Program provides financial assistance to school districts that
19 include within their boundaries parcels of land owned by the federal
20 government or that are exempt from local taxation by the federal
21 government. Part of the Federal Impact Aid Program, which is
22 authorized under Section 7003 of the federal Elementary and
23 Secondary Education Act, provides for Basic Support Payments that
24 help school districts that educate federally connected children,
25 including the children of members of the uniformed services.

26 To determine the amount of aid a district would receive under
27 the bill, a per pupil general fund tax levy amount would be
28 calculated by dividing the prior fiscal year general fund tax levy by
29 resident enrollment, without the inclusion of federally connected
30 children whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services.
31 A per pupil federal impact aid amount would also be calculated by
32 dividing the amount of a school district's Basic Support Payment
33 received in the prior fiscal year by the number of federally
34 connected children whose parents are on active duty in the
35 uniformed services. The difference between these two per pupil
36 amounts would then be multiplied by the number of federally
37 connected children whose parents are on active duty in the
38 uniformed services.

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43 Authorizes supplemental State aid to school districts receiving
44 certain federal Impact Aid; makes appropriation.