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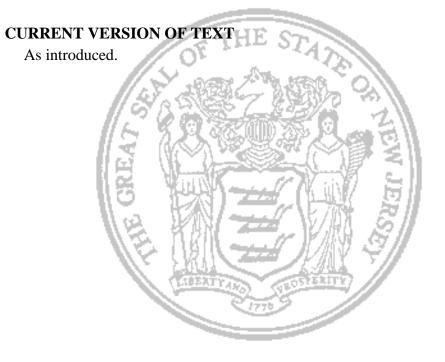
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SYNOPSIS

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



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AN ACT concerning State aid to certain school districts,

supplementing P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-43), and making an

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47 48 appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey: 1. In addition to any other State aid provided pursuant to P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-43 et al.), a school district may receive military impact aid if, in the prebudget year, the school district received a Basic Support Payment of federal Impact Aid under section 7003 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. s.7703) and the district provides free public education to federally connected children whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services. The amount of military impact aid provided to a district pursuant to this section shall be calculated as follows: $MIA = (PPLTL - PPIA) \times REFCMS$ where PPLTL is the per pupil general fund tax levy, which is derived by dividing the prebudget year general fund tax levy by resident enrollment, without the inclusion of federally connected children whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services and who otherwise are included in the calculation of resident enrollment as defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-45); PPIA is the per pupil federal impact aid amount, which is the result of dividing the amount of a school district's Basic Support Payment received in the prebudget year by the number of federally connected children whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services; and REFCMS is the resident enrollment of federally connected children whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services; A school district shall not receive military impact aid pursuant to this section if the difference between PPTL and PPIA is negative. 2. Such sums as are necessary to provide additional aid to a school district for military impact aid determined pursuant to section 1 of this act are appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund to the Department of Education, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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This bill establishes an additional category of State school aid 3 4 known as military impact aid. A school district would be eligible 5 for this category of aid if it received a Basic Support Payment of 6 federal Impact Aid in the prior fiscal year and the district provides 7 free public education to federally connected children whose parents 8 are on active duty in the uniformed services. The Federal Impact 9 Aid Program provides financial assistance to school districts that 10 include within their boundaries parcels of land owned by the federal 11 government or that are exempt from local taxation by the federal 12 government. Part of the Federal Impact Aid Program, which is 13 authorized under Section 7003 of the federal Elementary and 14 Secondary Education Act, provides for Basic Support Payments that 15 help school districts that educate federally connected children, 16 including the children of members of the uniformed services.

17 To determine the amount of aid a district would receive under 18 the bill, a per pupil general fund tax levy amount would be 19 calculated by dividing the prior fiscal year general fund tax levy by 20 resident enrollment, without the inclusion of federally connected 21 children whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services. 22 A per pupil federal impact aid amount would also be calculated by 23 dividing the amount of a school district's Basic Support Payment 24 received in the prior fiscal year by the number of federally 25 connected children whose parents are on active duty in the 26 uniformed services. The difference between these two per pupil 27 amounts would then be multiplied by the number of federally 28 connected children whose parents are on active duty in the 29 uniformed services.