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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 12, 2023

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An <--~~
2 ~~act relating to the public school system, including certain~~
3 ~~provisions applicable as well to private and parochial~~
4 ~~schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the~~
5 ~~laws relating thereto," in reimbursements by Commonwealth and~~
6 ~~between school districts, further providing for advanced~~
7 ~~placement and international baccalaureate exam fees and~~
8 ~~providing for advanced course fee assistance.~~

9 AMENDING THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), ENTITLED "AN <--
10 ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, INCLUDING CERTAIN
11 PROVISIONS APPLICABLE AS WELL TO PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL
12 SCHOOLS; AMENDING, REVISING, CONSOLIDATING AND CHANGING THE
13 LAWS RELATING THERETO," IN CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS, FURTHER
14 PROVIDING FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING
15 FOR ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS; ESTABLISHING
16 THE ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS GRANT
17 PROGRAM; AND IMPOSING DUTIES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 ~~Section 1. Section 2599.8(a) of the act of March 10, 1949 <--~~
21 ~~(P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is~~
22 ~~amended to read:~~

23 ~~Section 2599.8. Advanced Placement and International~~
24 ~~Baccalaureate Exam Fees. (a) [Commencing with] For the 2019-~~

1 ~~2020 school year through the 2023-2024 school year, the~~
2 ~~Department of Education shall provide advanced placement and~~
3 ~~International Baccalaureate exam fee assistance to students with~~
4 ~~financial need.~~

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6 ~~Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:~~

7 ~~Section 2599.9. Advanced Course Fee Assistance. (a)~~

8 ~~Commencing with the 2024-2025 school year, the department shall~~
9 ~~provide advanced course exam fee assistance to each student.~~

10 ~~(b) The exam fee assistance provided by the department shall~~
11 ~~cover eighty percent (80%) of the exam fee for each student.~~

12 ~~(c) The school entity shall cover the remaining twenty~~
13 ~~percent (20%) of the exam fee for each student with financial~~
14 ~~need and may cover some or all of the remaining twenty percent~~
15 ~~(20%) of the exam fee for each student without financial need.~~
16 ~~The school entity may use Federal funds to cover the school~~
17 ~~entity's portion of the exam fee.~~

18 ~~(c.1) The per exam cost charged to students for an exam~~
19 ~~shall not exceed the rate paid by students with financial need~~
20 ~~for advanced course exams during the 2018-2019 school year.~~

21 ~~(d) The exam fee assistance shall only be provided to~~
22 ~~students who complete an advanced course and choose to take an~~
23 ~~exam for that course.~~

24 ~~(e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases~~
25 ~~shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless~~
26 ~~the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

27 ~~"Advanced course." An academically rigorous college level~~
28 ~~course delivered to high school students by an educator that~~
29 ~~includes an end of course examination that qualifies students to~~
30 ~~earn college credit for prior learning.~~

1 ~~"Department." The Department of Education of the~~
2 ~~Commonwealth.~~

3 ~~"Exam fee." The amount required to take an exam to receive~~
4 ~~credit for an advanced course.~~

5 ~~"School entity." Any of the following which operate within~~
6 ~~this Commonwealth:~~

7 ~~(1) A public school.~~

8 ~~(2) An intermediate unit.~~

9 ~~(3) An area career and technical school.~~

10 ~~"Student with financial need." A student who:~~

11 ~~(1) has an annual household income no greater than one~~
12 ~~hundred eighty five percent (185%) of the Federal poverty level;~~

13 ~~(2) is in foster care, homeless or a migrant; or~~

14 ~~(3) lives in a household that received benefits under the~~

15 ~~Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary~~

16 ~~Assistance for Needy Families Program.~~

17 ~~Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

18 SECTION 1. SECTION 1205.1(C.1) (3) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, <--
19 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949,
20 IS AMENDED TO READ:

21 SECTION 1205.1. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.--* * *

22 (C.1) THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PLAN SHALL
23 SPECIFY THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION NEEDS THAT WILL BE MET BY
24 COMPLETION OF EACH CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OPTION AND
25 HOW IT RELATES TO AREAS OF ASSIGNMENT AND CERTIFICATION OR
26 POTENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATION. THE OPTIONS MAY INCLUDE,
27 BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO:

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29 (3) OTHER PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES OR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TAKEN
30 FOR CREDIT OR HOURLY, TO INCLUDE:

1 (I) CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PROGRAM DESIGN AND
2 DELIVERY ACTIVITIES AT THE SCHOOL ENTITY OR GRADE LEVEL AS
3 DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
4 DIRECTORS;

5 (II) PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND
6 WORKSHOPS;

7 (III) EDUCATION IN THE WORKPLACE, WHERE THE WORK RELATES TO
8 THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S AREA OF ASSIGNMENT AND IS APPROVED
9 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

10 (IV) REVIEW, REDESIGN AND RESTRUCTURING OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS,
11 ORGANIZATIONS AND FUNCTIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY
12 AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

13 (V) IN-SERVICE PROGRAMS THAT COMPLY WITH GUIDELINES
14 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

15 (VI) EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR
16 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS WHOSE AREA OF ASSIGNMENT INCLUDES
17 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE;

18 (VII) SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL
19 EDUCATORS WHOSE AREA OF ASSIGNMENT INCLUDES STUDENTS WITH
20 SPECIAL NEEDS;

21 (VIII) SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF DEPARTMENT TRAINING FOR
22 SERVICE AS A DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR IF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
23 PARTICIPATES IN AND COMPLETES AT LEAST ONE ASSIGNMENT IN THE
24 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS PROGRAM;

25 (IX) OTHER CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES,
26 PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES OR LEARNING EXPERIENCES SPONSORED BY THE
27 DEPARTMENT; [OR]

28 (X) VISITS BY EDUCATORS TO A MANUFACTURING WORKPLACE FOR
29 ORIENTATION AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO GIVE THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
30 A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN MANUFACTURING

1 FOR STUDENTS [.] ; OR

2 (XI) PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS TO SERVE AS
3 ADVANCED COURSEWORK COACHES TO SUPPORT TEACHERS IN DELIVERING
4 HIGH-QUALITY ADVANCED COURSEWORK INSTRUCTION.

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6 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING AN ARTICLE TO READ:

7 ARTICLE XVII-E

8 ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS

9 SECTION 1701-E. SCOPE OF ARTICLE.

10 THIS ARTICLE RELATES TO ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES FOR ALL
11 STUDENTS.

12 SECTION 1702-E. DEFINITIONS.

13 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE
14 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
15 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

16 "ADVANCED COURSE." AN ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS COLLEGE-LEVEL
17 COURSE DELIVERED TO SECONDARY STUDENTS BY AN ELIGIBLE EDUCATOR
18 THAT INCLUDES AN END-OF-COURSE EXAM THAT QUALIFIES STUDENTS TO
19 EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING.

20 "CORE ACADEMIC AREAS." MATHEMATICS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS,
21 SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES AND COMPUTER SCIENCE.

22 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
23 COMMONWEALTH.

24 "EDUCATOR." A "PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE," "TEMPORARY
25 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE" OR "SUBSTITUTE" AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED
26 IN SECTION 1101.

27 "EDUCATOR TRAINING ENTITY." AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
28 EDUCATION, INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR OTHER ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY
29 THE DEPARTMENT TO TRAIN EDUCATORS TO TEACH ADVANCED COURSES. FOR
30 COURSES, THE EDUCATOR TRAINING ENTITY SHALL ALSO BE ENDORSED BY

1 THE PROVIDER OF ADVANCED COURSE WORK.

2 "ELIGIBLE EDUCATOR." AN EDUCATOR WHO IS CERTIFIED IN THE
3 SUBJECT AREA OF THE ADVANCED COURSE THAT THE EDUCATOR WILL BE
4 TEACHING.

5 "ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT DOES NOT MEET
6 THE MINIMUM BENCHMARKS FOR ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS ESTABLISHED
7 BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 1703-E(B) (2) (I) OR IS UNABLE TO
8 OFFER AN ADVANCED COURSE DUE TO THE RETIREMENT, DEPARTURE OR
9 OTHER LOSS OF AN EDUCATOR WHO TEACHES AN ADVANCED COURSE.

10 "EXAM FEE." THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXAM ASSOCIATED
11 WITH AN ADVANCED COURSE.

12 "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION." THE TERM INCLUDES ANY OF
13 THE FOLLOWING:

14 (1) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATING UNDER ARTICLE XIX-A.

15 (2) A UNIVERSITY WITHIN THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION UNDER ARTICLE XX-A.

17 (3) A STATE-RELATED INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN SECTION
18 1502-A.

19 (4) ANY ACCREDITED NONPROFIT PUBLIC, PRIVATE OR
20 INDEPENDENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

21 "PROGRAM." THE ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS
22 GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 1704-E.

23 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA CAREER AND
24 TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL OR REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL
25 OPERATING IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

26 "SECONDARY STUDENT." A STUDENT IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH
27 TWELVE WHO IS ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL ENTITY.

28 "VIRTUAL LEARNING INSTRUCTION." THE PROVISION OF ACADEMIC
29 COURSES AND INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS THROUGH THE INTERNET OR THE
30 USE OF VIDEO OR AUDIO TECHNOLOGY.

1 SECTION 1703-E. EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES.

2 (A) ACCESS.--BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH
3 SCHOOL ENTITY RECEIVING A GRANT UNDER SECTION 1704-E(B) SHALL
4 PROVIDE SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES TO ENROLL
5 IN ADVANCED COURSES AS WELL AS EXAM FEE ASSISTANCE, AS
6 APPROPRIATE.

7 (B) DUTIES.--

8 (1) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AND EVERY FIVE
9 YEARS THEREAFTER, EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL REPORT TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT, IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, ALL
11 ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE SCHOOL
12 ENTITY'S SECONDARY STUDENTS FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR AS
13 WELL AS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ADVANCED
14 COURSES, COMPLETING ADVANCED COURSES AND TAKING AN END-OF-
15 COURSE EXAM.

16 (2) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EVERY FIVE YEARS
17 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

18 (I) ESTABLISH BENCHMARKS TO IMPROVE SECONDARY
19 STUDENT ACCESS TO AND ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES.

20 (II) IDENTIFY SCHOOL ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE INTENSIVE
21 ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE SECONDARY STUDENT ACCESS TO AND
22 ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES.

23 (III) PREPARE A REPORT CONTAINING THE INFORMATION
24 PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1), AS WELL AS THE BENCHMARKS
25 ESTABLISHED AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED UNDER
26 SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II), AND POST THE REPORT ON THE
27 DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.
28 BEGINNING WITH THE REPORT REQUIRED TO BE POSTED ON
29 DECEMBER 1, 2029, THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION
30 OF WHETHER SCHOOL ENTITIES IN THIS COMMONWEALTH ARE

1 PROGRESSING OR REGRESSING IN IMPROVING SECONDARY STUDENT
2 ACCESS TO AND ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES.

3 SECTION 1704-E. ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS
4 GRANT PROGRAM.

5 (A) PURPOSE.--THE ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES FOR ALL
6 STUDENTS GRANT PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP
7 ENSURE THAT ALL SCHOOL ENTITIES HAVE PROPERLY TRAINED EDUCATORS
8 TO MEET THE ADVANCED COURSE BENCHMARKS ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION
9 1703-E(B) (2) (I) AND TO PROVIDE ADVANCED COURSE EXAM FEE
10 ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS.

11 (B) EDUCATOR TRAINING GRANTS TO SCHOOL ENTITIES.--

12 (1) A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT DOES NOT MEET A MINIMUM
13 ADVANCED COURSE BENCHMARK ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
14 SECTION 1703-E(B) (2) (I) SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANNUAL GRANTS
15 FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO TRAIN EDUCATORS TO
16 TEACH ADVANCED COURSES TO ENABLE THE SCHOOL ENTITY TO MEET
17 THE BENCHMARK AND FURTHER EXPAND ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSES
18 BEYOND THE BENCHMARK OVER THE FIVE-YEAR GRANT PERIOD.

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF EDUCATORS PER
20 SCHOOL BUILDING WITHIN AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY FOR WHOM THE
21 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY MAY RECEIVE AN EDUCATOR TRAINING
22 GRANT.

23 (3) MULTIPLE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITIES MAY APPLY JOINTLY
24 FOR AN EDUCATOR TRAINING GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM IF THE
25 EDUCATORS TO BE TRAINED WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN MORE THAN
26 ONE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY THROUGH CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION OR
27 VIRTUAL LEARNING INSTRUCTION.

28 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN APPLICATION PROCESS
29 AND APPLICATION FORM FOR AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY SEEKING AN
30 EDUCATOR TRAINING GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM. THE APPLICATION

1 FORM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

2 (I) THE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL
3 ENTITY CURRENTLY HAS ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS.

4 (II) THE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL
5 ENTITY DOES NOT HAVE ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS.

6 (III) THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY'S PLAN TO EXPAND
7 AND INCREASE ADVANCED COURSE PARTICIPATION WITHIN THE
8 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY, INCLUDING FOR STUDENT POPULATIONS
9 THAT HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED, AND HOW AN
10 EDUCATOR TRAINING GRANT WILL HELP EXPEDITE THE ELIGIBLE
11 SCHOOL ENTITY'S PROGRESS TOWARD ITS ADVANCED COURSE
12 PARTICIPATION GOALS.

13 (IV) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

14 (A) THE NAMES OF THE ELIGIBLE EDUCATORS TO BE
15 TRAINED USING EDUCATOR TRAINING GRANT PROCEEDS.

16 (B) THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE ELIGIBLE
17 SCHOOL ENTITY WHERE THE ELIGIBLE EDUCATORS WILL
18 TEACH.

19 (C) THE ADVANCED COURSE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH
20 THE ELIGIBLE EDUCATORS WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION.

21 (D) WHETHER THE INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED
22 THROUGH TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION OR VIRTUAL
23 LEARNING INSTRUCTION.

24 (V) THE NAMES OF THE EDUCATOR TRAINING ENTITIES THAT
25 WILL TRAIN THE ELIGIBLE EDUCATORS TO TEACH ADVANCED
26 COURSES.

27 (VI) AN AGREEMENT THAT THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY
28 WILL COMMIT TO OFFERING THE ADVANCED COURSES TO SECONDARY
29 STUDENTS FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

30 (5) BY JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR, EACH SCHOOL ENTITY THAT

1 RECEIVES AN EDUCATOR TRAINING GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
2 REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE FOLLOWING FOR THE IMMEDIATELY
3 PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR IN A FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT:

5 (I) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED IN AN
6 ADVANCED COURSE TAUGHT BY AN EDUCATOR WHO RECEIVED
7 TRAINING FUNDED BY THE GRANT AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
8 WHO COMPLETED THE COURSE.

9 (II) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO TOOK AN END-OF-
10 COURSE EXAM IN AND ADVANCED COURSE TAUGHT BY AN EDUCATOR
11 WHO RECEIVED TRAINING FUNDED BY THE GRANT.

12 (III) THE GRADE LEVELS IN WHICH ADVANCED COURSES
13 WERE TAUGHT.

14 (IV) THE NUMBER OF EDUCATORS WHO RECEIVED TRAINING
15 FUNDED BY THE GRANT WHO TAUGHT ADVANCED COURSES WITHIN
16 THE SCHOOL ENTITY.

17 (C) EXAM FEE GRANT TO STUDENTS.--BEGINNING WITH THE 2024-
18 2025 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ADVANCED COURSE
19 EXAM FEE ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

20 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE SCHOOL ENTITIES 100%
21 OF THE EXAM FEE FOR EACH STUDENT WHO COMPLETES AN ADVANCED
22 COURSE FOR WHICH THE STUDENT IS REQUIRED OR CHOOSES TO TAKE
23 AN EXAM.

24 (2) ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL CERTIFY
25 TO THE DEPARTMENT THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT DUE UNDER
26 PARAGRAPH (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE
27 DEPARTMENT AND POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
28 INTERNET WEBSITE.

29 SECTION 1705-E. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.

30 (A) RULES.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND

1 PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

2 (B) REPORT.--BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, AND EVERY FIVE YEARS
3 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REPORT ON THE PROGRAM
4 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT INCLUDES:

5 (1) THE NUMBER OF EDUCATORS IN SCHOOL ENTITIES WHO
6 RECEIVED TRAINING IN ADVANCED COURSE INSTRUCTION DELINEATED
7 BY TYPE OF ADVANCED COURSE INSTRUCTION.

8 (2) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOLS ENROLLING
9 SECONDARY STUDENTS THAT OFFER ADVANCED COURSES AND THE CHANGE
10 IN ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS OVER THE FIVE-YEAR GRANT PERIOD.

11 (3) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO
12 COMPLETED ADVANCED COURSES AT SCHOOL ENTITIES.

13 (4) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO
14 ACHIEVED A QUALIFYING SCORE, REPORTED SEPARATELY FROM AN
15 ADVANCED COURSE EXAM AT SCHOOL ENTITIES.

16 (5) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
17 EDUCATION LOCATED WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH THAT PROVIDE
18 ACADEMIC COURSE CREDIT FOR ADVANCED COURSE EXAM SCORES.

19 (6) THE NAMES OF THE SCHOOL ENTITIES AND HIGH SCHOOLS
20 THAT DO NOT OFFER ADVANCED COURSES OR ARE BELOW THE MINIMUM
21 BENCHMARK ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 1703-
22 E(B)(2)(I).

23 (7) THE NUMBER OF EDUCATORS WHO WERE TRAINED TO TEACH
24 ADVANCED COURSES OUTSIDE THE CORE ACADEMIC AREAS WHO ARE
25 TEACHING OTHER ADVANCED COURSES.

26 SECTION 1706-E. PROGRAM FUNDING.

27 (A) FUNDING.--FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE MADE FROM
28 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE
29 DEPARTMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE, AS WELL AS AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS
30 OR FUNDS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES.

1 (B) PRIORITIES.--IN THE EVENT OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS IN ANY
2 FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRIORITIZE FUNDING OF ELIGIBLE
3 SCHOOL ENTITIES BASED ON THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL ENTITY'S POVERTY
4 LEVEL AND DEFICIENCY IN PROVIDING ADVANCED COURSE OPPORTUNITIES
5 AS COMPARED TO THE BENCHMARK ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
6 SECTION 1703-E(B)(2)(I).

7 SECTION 1707-E. RIGHTS OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

8 NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO SUPERSEDE OR
9 PREEMPT THE RIGHTS, REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES AFFORDED TO SCHOOL
10 EMPLOYEES OR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW,
11 INCLUDING THE ACT OF JULY 23, 1970 (P.L.563, NO.195), KNOWN AS
12 THE PUBLIC EMPLOYE RELATIONS ACT, OR ANY PROVISION OF A
13 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN A SCHOOL
14 EMPLOYER AND AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMPLOYEES IN
15 ACCORDANCE WITH THAT ACT.

16 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.