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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-185 AND 15-238, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 15-947, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2008, CHAPTER 207, SECTION 4; REPEALING SECTION 15-947, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2008, CHAPTER 287, SECTION 14; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-961 AND 15-973.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; BLENDING MULTIPLE ENACTMENTS; RELATING TO SCHOOL FINANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-185, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-185. Charter schools; financing; civil penalty;
5 transportation; definitions

6 A. Financial provisions for a charter school that is sponsored by a
7 school district governing board are as follows:

8 1. The charter school shall be included in the district's budget and
9 financial assistance calculations pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection
10 and chapter 9 of this title, except for chapter 9, article 4 of this title.
11 The charter of the charter school shall include a description of the methods
12 of funding the charter school by the school district. The school district
13 shall send a copy of the charter and application, including a description of
14 how the school district plans to fund the school, to the state board of
15 education before the start of the first fiscal year of operation of the
16 charter school. The charter or application shall include an estimate of the
17 student count for the charter school for its first fiscal year of operation.
18 This estimate shall be computed pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 3
19 of this subsection.

20 2. A school district is not financially responsible for any charter
21 school that is sponsored by the state board of education or the state board
22 for charter schools.

23 3. A school district that sponsors a charter school may:

24 (a) Increase its student count as provided in subsection B, paragraph
25 2 of this section during the first year of the charter school's operation to
26 include those charter school pupils who were not previously enrolled in the
27 school district. A charter school sponsored by a school district governing
28 board is eligible for the assistance prescribed in subsection B, paragraph 4
29 of this section. The soft capital allocation as provided in section 15-962
30 for the school district sponsoring the charter school shall be increased by
31 the amount of the additional assistance. The school district shall include
32 the full amount of the additional assistance in the funding provided to the
33 charter school.

34 (b) Compute separate weighted student counts pursuant to section
35 15-943, paragraph 2, subdivision (a) for its noncharter school versus charter
36 school pupils in order to maintain eligibility for small school district
37 support level weights authorized in section 15-943, paragraph 1 for its
38 noncharter school pupils only. The portion of a district's student count
39 that is attributable to charter school pupils is not eligible for small
40 school district support level weights.

41 4. If a school district uses the provisions of paragraph 3 of this
42 subsection, the school district is not eligible to include those pupils in
43 its student count for the purposes of computing an increase in its revenue
44 control limit and district support level as provided in section 15-948.

1 5. A school district that sponsors a charter school is not eligible to
2 include the charter school pupils in its student count for the purpose of
3 computing an increase in its capital outlay revenue limit as provided in
4 section 15-961, subsection C, except that if the charter school was
5 previously a school in the district, the district may include in its student
6 count any charter school pupils who were enrolled in the school district in
7 the prior year.

8 6. A school district that sponsors a charter school is not eligible to
9 include the charter school pupils in its student count for the purpose of
10 computing the revenue control limit which is used to determine the maximum
11 budget increase as provided in chapter 4, article 4 of this title unless the
12 charter school is located within the boundaries of the school district.

13 7. If a school district converts one or more of its district public
14 schools to a charter school and receives assistance as prescribed in
15 subsection B, paragraph 4 of this section, and subsequently converts the
16 charter school back to a district public school, the school district shall
17 repay the state the total additional assistance received for the charter
18 school for all years that the charter school was in operation. The repayment
19 shall be in one lump sum and shall be reduced from the school district's
20 current year equalization assistance. The school district's general budget
21 limit shall be reduced by the same lump sum amount in the current year.

22 B. Financial provisions for a charter school that is sponsored by the
23 state board of education or the state board for charter schools are as
24 follows:

25 1. The charter school shall calculate a base support level as
26 prescribed in section 15-943, except that sections 15-941 and 15-942 do not
27 apply to these charter schools.

28 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this subsection, the student count
29 shall be determined initially using an estimated student count based on
30 actual registration of pupils before the beginning of the school year. After
31 the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, the
32 charter school shall revise the student count to be equal to the actual
33 average daily membership, as defined in section 15-901, or the adjusted
34 average daily membership, as prescribed in section 15-902, of the charter
35 school. Before the one hundredth day or two hundredth day in session, as
36 applicable, the state board of education or the state board for charter
37 schools may require a charter school to report periodically regarding pupil
38 enrollment and attendance and the department of education may revise its
39 computation of equalization assistance based on the report. A charter school
40 shall revise its student count, base support level and additional assistance
41 before May 15. A charter school that overestimated its student count shall
42 revise its budget before May 15. A charter school that underestimated its
43 student count may revise its budget before May 15.

44 3. A charter school may utilize section 15-855 for the purposes of
45 this section. The charter school and the department of education shall

1 prescribe procedures for determining average daily attendance and average
2 daily membership.

3 4. Equalization assistance for the charter school shall be determined
4 by adding the amount of the base support level and additional assistance.
5 The amount of the additional assistance is one thousand four hundred
6 seventy-four dollars sixteen cents per student count in kindergarten programs
7 and grades one through eight and one thousand seven hundred eighteen dollars
8 ten cents per student count in grades nine through twelve.

9 5. The state board of education shall apportion state aid from the
10 appropriations made for such purposes to the state treasurer for disbursement
11 to the charter schools in each county in an amount as determined by this
12 paragraph. The apportionments shall be made in twelve equal installments of
13 the total amount to be apportioned during the fiscal year on the fifteenth
14 day of each month of the fiscal year.

15 ~~6. Notwithstanding paragraph 5 of this subsection, if sufficient~~
16 ~~appropriated monies are available after the first forty days in session of~~
17 ~~the current year, a charter school may request additional state monies to~~
18 ~~fund the increased state aid due to anticipated student growth through the~~
19 ~~first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, of the~~
20 ~~current year as provided in section 15-948. In no event shall a charter~~
21 ~~school have received more than three-fourths of its total apportionment~~
22 ~~before April 15 of the fiscal year. Early payments pursuant to this~~
23 ~~subsection must be approved by the state treasurer, the director of the~~
24 ~~department of administration and the superintendent of public instruction.~~

25 ~~7.~~ 6. The charter school shall not charge tuition, levy taxes or
26 issue bonds.

27 ~~8.~~ 7. Not later than noon on the day preceding each apportionment
28 date established by paragraph 5 of this subsection, the superintendent of
29 public instruction shall furnish to the state treasurer an abstract of the
30 apportionment and shall certify the apportionment to the department of
31 administration, which shall draw its warrant in favor of the charter schools
32 for the amount apportioned.

33 C. If a pupil is enrolled in both a charter school and a public school
34 that is not a charter school, the sum of the daily membership, which includes
35 enrollment as prescribed in section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 2,
36 subdivisions (a) and (b) and daily attendance as prescribed in section
37 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 6, for that pupil in the school district and
38 the charter school shall not exceed 1.0, except that if the pupil is enrolled
39 in both a charter school and a joint technological education district and
40 resides within the boundaries of a school district participating in the joint
41 technological education district, the sum of the average daily membership for
42 that pupil in the charter school and the joint technological education
43 district shall not exceed 1.25. If a pupil is enrolled in both a charter
44 school and a public school that is not a charter school, the department of
45 education shall direct the average daily membership to the school with the

1 most recent enrollment date. Upon validation of actual enrollment in both a
2 charter school and a public school that is not a charter school and if the
3 sum of the daily membership or daily attendance for that pupil is greater
4 than 1.0, the sum shall be reduced to 1.0 and shall be apportioned between
5 the public school and the charter school based on the percentage of total
6 time that the pupil is enrolled or in attendance in the public school and the
7 charter school, except that if the pupil is enrolled in both a charter school
8 and a joint technological education district and resides within the
9 boundaries of a school district participating in the joint technological
10 education district, the sum of the average daily membership for that pupil in
11 the charter school and the joint technological education district shall be
12 reduced to 1.25 and shall be apportioned between the charter school and the
13 joint technological education district based on the percentage of total time
14 that the pupil is enrolled or in attendance in the charter school and the
15 joint technological education district. The uniform system of financial
16 records shall include guidelines for the apportionment of the pupil
17 enrollment and attendance as provided in this section.

18 D. Charter schools are allowed to accept grants and gifts to
19 supplement their state funding, but it is not the intent of the charter
20 school law to require taxpayers to pay twice to educate the same pupils. The
21 base support level for a charter school or for a school district sponsoring a
22 charter school shall be reduced by an amount equal to the total amount of
23 monies received by a charter school from a federal or state agency if the
24 federal or state monies are intended for the basic maintenance and operations
25 of the school. The superintendent of public instruction shall estimate the
26 amount of the reduction for the budget year and shall revise the reduction to
27 reflect the actual amount before May 15 of the current year. If the
28 reduction results in a negative amount, the negative amount shall be used in
29 computing all budget limits and equalization assistance, except that:

30 1. Equalization assistance shall not be less than zero.

31 2. For a charter school sponsored by the state board of education or
32 the state board for charter schools, the total of the base support level, ~~the~~
33 ~~capital outlay revenue limit, the soft capital allocation~~ and the additional
34 assistance shall not be less than zero.

35 3. For a charter school sponsored by a school district, the base
36 support level for the school district shall not be reduced by more than the
37 amount that the charter school increased the district's base support level,
38 capital outlay revenue limit and soft capital allocation.

39 E. If a charter school was a district public school in the prior year
40 and is now being operated for or by the same school district and sponsored by
41 the state board of education, the state board for charter schools or a school
42 district governing board, the reduction in subsection D of this section
43 applies. The reduction to the base support level of the charter school or
44 the sponsoring district of the charter school shall equal the sum of the base
45 support level and the additional assistance received in the current year for

1 those pupils who were enrolled in the traditional public school in the prior
2 year and are now enrolled in the charter school in the current year.

3 F. Equalization assistance for charter schools shall be provided as a
4 single amount based on average daily membership without categorical
5 distinctions between maintenance and operations or capital.

6 G. At the request of a charter school, the county school
7 superintendent of the county where the charter school is located may provide
8 the same educational services to the charter school as prescribed in section
9 15-308, subsection A. The county school superintendent may charge a fee to
10 recover costs for providing educational services to charter schools.

11 H. If the sponsor of the charter school determines at a public meeting
12 that the charter school is not in compliance with federal law, with the laws
13 of this state or with its charter, the sponsor of a charter school may submit
14 a request to the department of education to withhold up to ten per cent of
15 the monthly apportionment of state aid that would otherwise be due the
16 charter school. The department of education shall adjust the charter
17 school's apportionment accordingly. The sponsor shall provide written notice
18 to the charter school at least seventy-two hours before the meeting and shall
19 allow the charter school to respond to the allegations of noncompliance at
20 the meeting before the sponsor makes a final determination to notify the
21 department of education of noncompliance. The charter school shall submit a
22 corrective action plan to the sponsor on a date specified by the sponsor at
23 the meeting. The corrective action plan shall be designed to correct
24 deficiencies at the charter school and to ensure that the charter school
25 promptly returns to compliance. When the sponsor determines that the charter
26 school is in compliance, the department of education shall restore the full
27 amount of state aid payments to the charter school.

28 I. In addition to the withholding of state aid payments pursuant to
29 subsection H of this section, the sponsor of a charter school may impose a
30 civil penalty of one thousand dollars per occurrence if a charter school
31 fails to comply with the fingerprinting requirements prescribed in section
32 15-183, subsection C or section 15-512. The sponsor of a charter school
33 shall not impose a civil penalty if it is the first time that a charter
34 school is out of compliance with the fingerprinting requirements and if the
35 charter school provides proof within forty-eight hours of written
36 notification that an application for the appropriate fingerprint check has
37 been received by the department of public safety. The sponsor of the charter
38 school shall obtain proof that the charter school has been notified, and the
39 notification shall identify the date of the deadline and shall be signed by
40 both parties. The sponsor of a charter school shall automatically impose a
41 civil penalty of one thousand dollars per occurrence if the sponsor
42 determines that the charter school subsequently violates the fingerprinting
43 requirements. Civil penalties pursuant to this subsection shall be assessed
44 by requesting the department of education to reduce the amount of state aid
45 that the charter school would otherwise receive by an amount equal to the

1 civil penalty. The amount of state aid withheld shall revert to the state
2 general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

3 J. A charter school may receive and spend monies distributed by the
4 department of education pursuant to section 42-5029, subsection E and section
5 37-521, subsection B.

6 K. If a school district transports or contracts to transport pupils to
7 the Arizona state schools for the deaf and the blind during any fiscal year,
8 the school district may transport or contract with a charter school to
9 transport sensory impaired pupils during that same fiscal year to a charter
10 school if requested by the parent of the pupil and if the distance from the
11 pupil's place of actual residence within the school district to the charter
12 school is less than the distance from the pupil's place of actual residence
13 within the school district to the campus of the Arizona state schools for the
14 deaf and the blind.

15 L. For the purposes of this section:

16 1. "Monies intended for the basic maintenance and operations of the
17 school" means monies intended to provide support for the educational program
18 of the school, except that it does not include supplemental assistance for a
19 specific purpose or P.L. 81-874 monies. The auditor general shall determine
20 which federal or state monies meet the definition in this paragraph.

21 2. "Operated for or by the same school district" means the charter
22 school is either governed by the same district governing board or operated by
23 the district in the same manner as other traditional schools in the district
24 or is operated by an independent party that has a contract with the school
25 district. The auditor general and the department of education shall
26 determine which charter schools meet the definition in this subsection.

27 Sec. 2. Section 15-238, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

28 15-238. Statewide student estimate

29 Before February 15 of each year the department of education shall
30 submit to the economic estimates commission the total estimated statewide
31 number of students determined for the current year using the unit of
32 measurement prescribed in section 15-902, ~~subsection~~ SUBSECTIONS A AND B.

33 Sec. 3. Section 15-947, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws
34 2008, chapter 207, section 4, is amended to read:

35 15-947. Revenue control limit; district support level; general
36 budget limit; unrestricted total capital budget
37 limit; soft capital allocation limit

38 A. The revenue control limit for a school district is equal to the sum
39 of the base revenue control limit determined in section 15-944, **THE AMOUNT**
40 **DETERMINED IN SECTION 15-910.04** and the transportation revenue control limit
41 determined in section 15-946.

42 B. The district support level for a school district is equal to the
43 sum of the base support level determined in section 15-943 and the
44 transportation support level determined in section 15-945.

- 1 C. The general budget limit for each school district, for each fiscal
2 year, is the sum of the following:
- 3 1. The maintenance and operations portion of the revenue control limit
4 for the budget year.
- 5 2. The maintenance and operation portion of the following amounts:
- 6 (a) Amounts that are fully funded by revenues other than a levy of
7 taxes upon the taxable property within the school district, as listed below:
- 8 (i) Amounts budgeted as the budget balance carryforward as provided in
9 section 15-943.01.
- 10 (ii) Tuition revenues for attendance of nonresident pupils.
- 11 (iii) State assistance as provided in section 15-976.
- 12 (iv) Special education revenues as provided in section 15-825,
13 subsection D and section 15-1204.
- 14 (v) P.L. 81-874 assistance determined for children with disabilities,
15 children with specific learning disabilities, children residing on Indian
16 lands and children residing within the boundaries of an accommodation school
17 that is located on a military reservation and that is classified as a heavily
18 impacted local educational agency pursuant to 20 United States Code section
19 7703 as provided in section 15-905, subsections K and O.
- 20 (vi) P.L. 81-874 administrative costs as provided in section 15-905,
21 subsection P.
- 22 (vii) State assistance for excess tuition as provided in section
23 15-825.01.
- 24 (viii) Amounts received from the state board of education pursuant to
25 section 15-973.01.
- 26 (ix) **TRANSPORTATION REVENUES FOR ATTENDANCE OF NONRESIDENT PUPILS.**
- 27 (b) Amounts approved pursuant to an override election as provided in
28 section 15-481 for the applicable fiscal year.
- 29 (c) Expenditures for excess utility costs as provided in section
30 15-910.
- 31 (d) Amounts authorized by the county school superintendent pursuant to
32 section 15-974, subsection B.
- 33 (e) Expenditures for complying with a court order of desegregation as
34 provided in section 15-910.
- 35 (f) Expenditures for the bond issues portion of the cost of tuition as
36 provided in section 15-910.
- 37 (g) Interest on registered warrants or tax anticipation notes as
38 provided in section 15-910.
- 39 (h) Amounts budgeted for a jointly owned and operated career and
40 technical education and vocational education center as provided in section
41 15-910.01.
- 42 3. The maintenance and operations portion of the capital outlay
43 revenue limit for the budget year.

1 4. Any other budget item that is budgeted in the maintenance and
2 operation section of the budget and that is specifically exempt from the
3 revenue control limit or the capital outlay revenue limit.

4 D. The unrestricted capital budget limit, for each school district for
5 each fiscal year, is the sum of the following:

6 1. The federal impact adjustment as determined in section 15-964 for
7 the budget year.

8 2. Any other budget item that is budgeted in the capital outlay
9 section of the budget and that is specifically exempt from the capital outlay
10 revenue limit.

11 3. The UNRESTRICTED capital portion of the amounts contained in
12 subsection C, ~~paragraph 2~~ of this section.

13 4. The unexpended budget balance in the unrestricted capital outlay
14 fund from the previous fiscal year.

15 5. The net interest earned in the unrestricted capital outlay fund the
16 previous fiscal year.

17 6. THE BUDGETED AMOUNT AS APPROVED AND DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SECTION
18 15-962, SUBSECTION F.

19 E. The soft capital allocation limit for each school district for each
20 fiscal year is the sum of the following:

21 1. The soft capital allocation for the budget year.

22 2. The unexpended budget balance in the soft capital allocation fund
23 from the previous fiscal year.

24 3. The net interest earned in the soft capital allocation fund the
25 previous fiscal year.

26 Sec. 4. Repeal

27 Section 15-947, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2008,
28 chapter 287, section 14, is repealed.

29 Sec. 5. Section 15-961, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
30 15-961. Capital outlay revenue limit; growth rate

31 A. A capital outlay revenue limit per student count is established for
32 fiscal year ~~1984-1985~~ 2009-2010 as follows:

33 1. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A STUDENT COUNT OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED
34 FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED
35 SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A STUDENT
36 COUNT OF ONE HUNDRED OR MORE AND LESS THAN SIX HUNDRED for kindergarten
37 programs and grades one through eight multiply ~~one hundred fifty-five dollars~~
38 ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS NINETY-FIVE CENTS by the weight which
39 corresponds to the student count for kindergarten programs and grades one
40 through eight for the school district as provided in section 15-943,
41 paragraph 1, subdivision (a), column 3. For a school district with a student
42 count of six hundred or more in kindergarten programs and grades one through
43 eight, ~~multiply one hundred fifty-five dollars by 1.158~~ THE LIMIT IS TWO
44 HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS SEVENTY-SIX CENTS.

1 2. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A STUDENT COUNT OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED
2 FOR GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS FORTY-ONE
3 CENTS. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A STUDENT COUNT OF ONE HUNDRED OR MORE AND
4 LESS THAN SIX HUNDRED for grades nine through twelve, multiply ~~one hundred~~
5 ~~sixty-eight dollars~~ TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS TWENTY-NINE CENTS by the
6 weight which corresponds to the student count for grades nine through twelve
7 for the school district as provided in section 15-943, paragraph 1,
8 subdivision (b), column 3. For a school district with a student count of six
9 hundred or more in grades nine through twelve, ~~multiply one hundred~~
10 ~~sixty-eight dollars by 1.268~~ THE LIMIT IS TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS
11 NINETY-FOUR CENTS.

12 3. For programs for preschool children with disabilities, ~~multiply~~
13 ~~one hundred fifty-five dollars by 1.158~~ TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS
14 SEVENTY-SIX CENTS.

15 B. For fiscal year ~~1985-1986~~ 2009-2010 and each year thereafter, the
16 capital outlay revenue limit prescribed in subsection A of this section shall
17 be adjusted by the growth rate prescribed by law, subject to appropriation.

18 C. For fiscal year 1985-1986 and each year thereafter, the capital
19 outlay revenue limit for a school district shall be computed as follows:

20 1. Select the applicable capital outlay revenue limit or limits per
21 student count for the school district.

22 2. Multiply the amount or amounts selected in paragraph 1 of this
23 subsection by the appropriate student count of the school district. The
24 student count of the school district shall not include any pupils in a
25 charter school sponsored by the district pursuant to section 15-185,
26 subsection A, paragraph 3.

27 3. If a school district's student count used for the budget year is
28 greater than one hundred five per cent of the student count used for the
29 current year's budget, increase the adjusted capital outlay revenue limit
30 determined in paragraph 2 of this subsection by the actual percentage
31 increase in the school district's student count.

32 D. For fiscal year ~~1985-1986~~ 2009-2010 and each year thereafter, an
33 amount for the purchase of required textbooks and related printed subject
34 matter materials shall be used to increase the capital outlay revenue limit
35 for a school district as determined in subsection C, paragraph 2 or 3 of this
36 section, whichever is applicable. For fiscal year ~~1985-1986~~ 2009-2010, ~~the~~
37 ~~funding level is fifty-seven dollars fifty cents~~ MULTIPLY THE STUDENT COUNT
38 IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE BY SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS. ~~For~~
39 ~~fiscal year 1986-1987 and each year thereafter, the funding level is the~~
40 ~~funding level of the previous year adjusted by the growth rate prescribed by~~
41 ~~law, subject to appropriation. The amount to be added to the amount in~~
42 ~~subsection C, paragraph 2 or 3 of this section, whichever is applicable, to~~
43 ~~determine the capital outlay revenue limit for a school district is computed~~
44 ~~as follows:~~

1 ~~1. For fiscal year 1985-1986, multiply the student count in grade nine~~
2 ~~by the funding level for the applicable year as prescribed in this~~
3 ~~subsection.~~

4 ~~2. For fiscal year 1986-1987, multiply the student count in grades~~
5 ~~nine and ten by the funding level for the applicable year as prescribed in~~
6 ~~this subsection.~~

7 ~~3. For fiscal year 1987-1988, multiply the student count in grades~~
8 ~~nine through eleven by the funding level for the applicable year as~~
9 ~~prescribed in this subsection.~~

10 ~~4. For fiscal year 1988-1989 and each year thereafter, multiply the~~
11 ~~student count in grades nine through twelve by the funding level for the~~
12 ~~applicable year as prescribed in this subsection.~~

13 Sec. 6. Section 15-973.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
14 read:

15 15-973.01. Assistance for education fund

16 A. The assistance for education fund is established consisting of
17 monies received pursuant to section 43-617.

18 B. The state board of education shall administer the fund. On notice
19 from the state board, the state treasurer shall invest and divest monies in
20 the fund as provided by section 35-313 and monies earned from investments
21 shall be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund:

- 22 1. Are continuously appropriated to the state board of education.
- 23 2. Are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, relating to
24 lapsing of appropriations.

25 C. The state board of education shall ACCUMULATE MONIES UNTIL THOSE
26 MONIES ARE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF FIVE DOLLARS PER UNWEIGHTED
27 STUDENT COUNT AND SHALL distribute monies in the fund to school districts AND
28 CHARTER SCHOOLS at the same time, in the same manner and in the same
29 proportions as state aid from appropriations made pursuant to ~~section~~
30 SECTIONS 15-185 AND 15-973.

31 D. Monies in the fund shall not be used to reduce the general fund
32 requirement for state aid.