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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the calculation of the
"pupil wealth ratio" for school aid purposes

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs a and b of subdivision 3 of section 3602 of the
2 education law, as amended by section 13 of part B of chapter 57 of the
3 laws of 2008, are amended to read as follows:

4 a. (1) "Pupil wealth ratio" shall mean the number computed to three
5 decimals without rounding obtained when actual valuation of a school
6 district divided by, when applicable, the sum of the total wealth pupil
7 units and, if the district's number of resident students enrolled in
8 non-public school is more than twice the number of resident students
9 enrolled in public school and if the public school enrollment is over
10 one thousand, twenty-five per centum of the resident students enrolled
11 in non-public school of the district, is divided by the statewide aver-
12 age actual valuation per total wealth pupil unit as computed by the
13 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such
14 statewide average actual valuation per total wealth pupil unit shall be
15 established each year by the commissioner using the latest single year
16 actual valuation computed under paragraph c of subdivision one of this
17 section. Such statewide average shall be transmitted to the school
18 districts. Such statewide average shall be rounded to the nearest
19 hundredth and shall include the actual valuation and total wealth pupil
20 units of all school districts eligible for aid pursuant to this section
21 except central high school districts. For the purposes of calculating
22 such statewide average the data for the city school district of the city
23 of New York shall be citywide data.

24 (2) "Pupil wealth ratio for total foundation aid" shall mean the
25 number computed to three decimals without rounding obtained when the
26 selected actual valuation of a school district divided by, when applica-
27 ble, the sum of the total wealth pupil units and, if the district's

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 number of resident students enrolled in non-public school is more than
2 twice the number of resident students enrolled in public school and if
3 the public school enrollment is over one thousand, twenty-five per
4 centum of the resident students enrolled in non-public school of the
5 district, is divided by the statewide average selected actual valuation
6 per total wealth pupil unit as computed by the commissioner in accord-
7 ance with the provisions of this section. Such statewide average
8 selected actual valuation per total wealth pupil unit shall be estab-
9 lished each year by the commissioner using the selected actual valuation
10 computed under paragraph c of subdivision one of this section. Such
11 statewide average shall be transmitted to the school districts. Such
12 statewide average shall be rounded to the nearest hundredth and shall
13 include the selected actual valuation and total wealth pupil units of
14 all school districts eligible for aid pursuant to this section except
15 central high school districts. For the purposes of calculating such
16 statewide average the data for the city school district of the city of
17 New York shall be citywide data.

18 b. (1) "Alternate pupil wealth ratio" shall mean the number computed
19 to three decimals without rounding obtained when the adjusted gross
20 income of a school district for the calendar year two years prior to the
21 calendar year in which the base year began divided by, when applicable,
22 the sum of the total wealth pupil units of such district and, if the
23 district's number of resident students enrolled in non-public school is
24 more than twice the number of resident students enrolled in public
25 school and if the public school enrollment is over one thousand, twen-
26 ty-five per centum of the resident students enrolled in non-public
27 school of the district is divided by the statewide adjusted gross income
28 per total wealth pupil unit. Such statewide average gross income per
29 pupil shall be established each year by the commissioner and shall be
30 transmitted to school districts. Such statewide average shall be rounded
31 to the nearest hundredth and shall include the adjusted gross income and
32 total wealth pupil units of all school districts eligible for aid pursu-
33 ant to this section except central high school districts. For the
34 purposes of calculating such statewide average the data for the city
35 school district of the city of New York shall be citywide data.

36 (2) "Alternate pupil wealth ratio for total foundation aid" shall mean
37 the number computed to three decimals without rounding obtained when the
38 selected adjusted gross income of a school district for the calendar
39 year two years prior to the calendar year in which the base year began
40 divided by, when applicable, the sum of the total wealth pupil units of
41 such district and, if the district's number of resident students
42 enrolled in non-public school is more than twice the number of resident
43 students enrolled in public school and if the public school enrollment
44 is over one thousand, twenty-five per centum of the resident students
45 enrolled in non-public school of the district is divided by the state-
46 wide selected adjusted gross income per total wealth pupil unit. Such
47 statewide average selected adjusted gross income per pupil shall be
48 established each year by the commissioner and shall be transmitted to
49 school districts. Such statewide average shall be rounded to the nearest
50 hundredth and shall include the selected adjusted gross income and total
51 wealth pupil units of all school districts eligible for aid pursuant to
52 this section except central high school districts. For the purposes of
53 calculating such statewide average the data for the city school district
54 of the city of New York shall be citywide data.

55 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.