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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed 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 Assembly, 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  
28 number of resident students enrolled in non-public school is more than

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

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

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

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

54 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.