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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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

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

(2) "Pupil wealth ratio for total foundation aid" shall mean the number computed to three decimals without rounding obtained when the selected actual valuation of a school district divided by**, when applicable,** the **sum of the** total wealth pupil units **and, if the district's 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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twice the number of resident students enrolled in public school and if the public school enrollment is over one thousand, twenty-five per centum of the resident students enrolled in non-public school of the district, is divided by the statewide average selected actual valuation per total wealth pupil unit as computed by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such statewide average selected actual valuation per total wealth pupil unit shall be established each year by the commissioner using the selected actual valuation computed under paragraph c of subdivision one of this section. Such statewide average shall be transmitted to the school districts. Such statewide average shall be rounded to the nearest hundredth and shall include the selected actual valuation and total wealth pupil units of all school districts eligible for aid pursuant to this section except central high school districts. For the purposes of calculating such statewide average the data for the city school district of the city of New York shall be citywide data.

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

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.