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2019 Assembly Bill 461

Assembly Amendment 1

2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 461

Assembly Bill 461 makes changes to the percentage of equalization aid payments that school districts receive quarterly. Under current law, school districts receive 15 percent of their aid in September, 25 percent in December, 25 percent in March, and 35 percent in June. The bill increases the September payment and decreases the June payment by 2 percent each year for five years, such that each aid payment will be 25 percent beginning in the 2023-24 school year.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 accounts for the fact that school districts have already received a September aid payment for the current 2019-20 school year. The amendment delays the changes to the percentage of equalization aid payments by one year, so that the first increase in the September payment and first decrease in the June payment will occur in the 2020-21 school year. Under Assembly Amendment 1, each aid payment will be 25 percent beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Hutton on October 21, 2019. On October 29, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 461, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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