An Act relating to classroom management and related practitioner preparation procedures for reporting classroom violence and assaults, to corporal punishment, establishing a grant program and fund for creation of therapeutic classrooms, providing claims reimbursement to school districts for costs relating to therapeutic classrooms, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.
FUNDING SUMMARY

FY 2022: Senate File 2360 as amended by H-8198 appropriates a total of $2.6 million from the General Fund for FY 2022. The funding includes:

- $500,000 for the Department of Education to develop, establish, and distribute standards, guidelines, and expectations relating to behavior in the classroom, restraint of a student, professional development relating to educating individuals in the least restrictive environment, and research-based intervention strategies.
- $1.6 million to the Department of Education for the Therapeutic Classroom Incentive Fund.
- $500,000 to the Department of Education for reimbursement funding to school districts for the transportation of students to therapeutic classrooms.

For full text of SF 2360 as passed by the Senate see:
Amend Senate File 2360, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 4, after to by inserting all

2. Page 2, line 19, after priority. by inserting Grant
awards shall be distributed as equitably as possible among
small, medium, and large school districts. For purposes of
this subsection, a small school district is a district with an
actual enrollment of fewer than six hundred pupils; a medium
school district is a district with an actual enrollment that
is at least six hundred pupils, but less than two thousand
five hundred pupils; and a large school district is a district
with an actual enrollment of two thousand five hundred or more
pupils.

3. Page 3, line 9, after moneys by inserting credited
to the therapeutic classroom incentive fund established under
subsection 5

4. Page 4, line 31, by striking 2022 and inserting 2023

5. Page 5, line 3, by striking 2021 and inserting 2022


7. Page 11, by striking lines 30 through 32 and inserting:
or criminal liability which might otherwise be incurred or

8. Page 12, by striking lines 1 through 5.

9. Page 12, by striking lines 8 through 12 and inserting:

NEW SUBSECTION 4. A school employee's employer and the
board of educational examiners shall not engage in reprisal or

Clarifies that the guidance provided by Department of Education
regarding appropriate and inappropriate responses to behavior in the
classroom and the appropriate use of physical restraint of a student is
for all school districts.

Directs the Department to distribute the Therapeutic Classroom
Incentive Grants equitably across small (less than 600 pupils), medium
(600-2,499 pupils), and large (more than 2,499 pupils) school districts.

Clarifies that moneys, which may include private contributions, credited
to the Therapeutic Classroom Incentive Fund are available for
distribution after December 31 but before the start of the school
calendar for start-up costs for a new therapeutic classroom in the fall
semester.

Amends the date the Department of Education is required to submit a
report on the efficacy of the claims reimbursement to the General
Assembly from December 1, 2022, to December 1, 2023.

Amends the date of the appropriation to the Department of Education
for transportation claims from FY 2021 to FY 2022.

Removes the reference to the State Board of Education.

Reverts Bill language pertaining to corporal punishment burden of proof
back to current statute.

Removes specification that the definition of "corporal punishment" does
not include relocating a student who is causing a severe distraction or
disturbance.

Removes specification that for a party to prevail in a disciplinary action
alleging a corporal punishment violation, the party bringing the action
must prove the violation by clear and convincing evidence. Replaces with a specification that the school employee's employer and the Board of Educational Examiners will not retaliate against a school employee who, in the reasonable course of the employee's employment responsibilities, comes into physical contact with a student.

Amends the date of the General Fund appropriation of $500,000 to the Department of Education for developing standards and guidance on behavior in the classroom, restraint of a student, least restrictive environment, and research-based intervention strategies from FY 2021 to FY 2022.

Amends the date of the General Fund appropriation of $1,582,650 to the Department of Education for the Therapeutic Classroom Fund from FY 2021 to FY 2022.

Amends the date of the General Fund appropriation of $500,000 for therapeutic classroom transportation claims reimbursement from FY 2021 to FY 2022.

Technical correction.