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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 3, 2011

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
- act relating to the public school system, including certain
- provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
- schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
- laws relating thereto," providing for educational improvement
- 6 tax credit; and repealing provisions of the Tax Reform Code
- of 1971 relating to educational improvement tax credit.
- 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 9 hereby enacts as follows:
- 10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
- 11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an

- 1 article to read:
- 2 ARTICLE XXV-B
- 3 EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT
- 4 Section 2501-B. Definitions.
- 5 The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 6 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 7 <u>context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 8 <u>"Business firm." An entity authorized to do business in this</u>
- 9 Commonwealth and subject to taxes imposed under Article III, IV,
- 10 VI, VII, VIII, IX or XV of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,
- 11 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971. The term includes a
- 12 <u>pass-through entity.</u>
- 13 "Contribution." A donation of cash, personal property or
- 14 services, the value of which is the net cost of the donation to
- 15 the donor or the pro rata hourly wage, including benefits, of
- 16 the individual performing the services.
- 17 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
- 18 Development of the Commonwealth.
- 19 "Educational improvement organization." A nonprofit entity
- 20 which:
- 21 (1) is exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(c)
- 22 (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514,
- 23 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.); and
- 24 (2) contributes at least 80% of its annual receipts as
- 25 grants to a public school, a chartered school as defined in
- 26 section 1376.1 or a private school approved under section
- 27 1376 for innovative educational programs.
- 28 For purposes of this definition, a nonprofit entity
- 29 "contributes" its annual cash receipts when it expends or
- 30 otherwise irrevocably encumbers those funds for expenditure

- 1 during the then current fiscal year of the nonprofit entity or
- 2 <u>during the next succeeding fiscal year of the nonprofit entity.</u>
- 3 A "nonprofit entity" includes a school district foundation,
- 4 public school foundation, charter school foundation or cyber
- 5 charter school foundation.
- 6 "Eligible prekindergarten student." A student, including an
- 7 <u>eliqible student with a disability, who is enrolled in a</u>
- 8 prekindergarten program and is a member of a household with a
- 9 <u>maximum annual household income as increased by the applicable</u>
- 10 income allowance.
- 11 <u>"Eligible student." A school-age student, including an</u>
- 12 <u>eligible student with a disability, who is enrolled in a school</u>
- 13 <u>and is a member of a household with a maximum annual household</u>
- 14 <u>income as increased by the applicable income allowance.</u>
- 15 "Eligible student with a disability." A prekindergarten
- 16 student or a school-age student who meets all of the following:
- 17 (1) Is either enrolled in a special education school or
- has otherwise been identified, in accordance with 22 Pa. Code
- 19 Ch. 14 (relating to special education services and programs),
- as a "child with a disability," as defined in 34 CFR § 300.8
- 21 (relating to child with a disability).
- 22 (2) Needs special education and related services.
- 23 (3) Is enrolled in a prekindergarten program or in a
- 24 school.
- 25 (4) Is a member of a household with a household income
- of not more than the maximum annual household income.
- 27 "Household." An individual living alone or with the
- 28 following: a spouse, parent and their unemancipated minor
- 29 children, other unemancipated minor children who are related by
- 30 blood or marriage or other adults or unemancipated minor

- 1 children living in the household who are dependent upon the
- 2 individual.
- 3 "Household income." All moneys or property received of
- 4 whatever nature and from whatever source derived. The term does
- 5 not include the following:
- 6 (1) Periodic payments for sickness and disability other
- 7 <u>than regular wages received during a period of sickness or</u>
- 8 <u>disability</u>.
- 9 (2) Disability, retirement or other payments arising
- 10 <u>under workers' compensation acts, occupational disease acts</u>
- and similar legislation by any government.
- 12 (3) Payments commonly recognized as old-age or
- 13 <u>retirement benefits paid to persons retired from service</u>
- 14 after reaching a specific age or after a stated period of
- employment.
- 16 (4) Payments commonly known as public assistance or
- 17 unemployment compensation payments by a governmental agency.
- 18 (5) Payments to reimburse actual expenses.
- 19 (6) Payments made by employers or labor unions for
- 20 programs covering hospitalization, sickness, disability or
- 21 death, supplemental unemployment benefits, strike benefits,
- 22 <u>Social Security and retirement.</u>
- 23 (7) Compensation received by United States servicemen
- 24 serving in a combat zone.
- "Income allowance."
- 26 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the amount of:
- 27 (i) Before July 1, 2011, \$10,000 for each eligible
- student, eligible prekindergarten student and dependent
- member of a household.
- 30 (ii) After June 30, 2011, through June 30, 2012,

1	\$12,000 for each eligible student, eligible
2	prekindergarten student and dependent member of a
3	household.
4	(iii) After June 30, 2012, through June 30, 2013,
5	\$15,000 for each eligible student, eligible
6	prekindergarten student and dependent member of a
7	household.
8	(2) Beginning July 1, 2013, the Department of Community
9	and Economic Development shall annually adjust the income
10	allowance amounts under paragraph (1) to reflect any upward
11	changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
12	for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area
13	in the preceding 12 months and shall immediately submit the
14	adjusted amounts to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
15	publication as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
16	"Innovative educational program." An advanced academic or
17	similar program that is not part of the regular academic program
18	of a public school but that enhances the curriculum or academic
19	program of a public school, chartered school as defined in
20	section 1376.1(a) or private school approved in accordance with
21	section 1376, or provides prekindergarten programs to public
22	school students, students of a chartered school as defined in
23	section 1376.1(a) or students of a private school approved in
24	accordance with section 1376.
25	"Maximum annual household income."
26	(1) Except as stated in paragraph (2) and subject to
27	<pre>paragraph (3), the following:</pre>
28	(i) Before July 1, 2011, not more than \$50,000.
29	(ii) After June 30, 2011, through June 30, 2012, not
30	more than \$60,000.

1	(iii) After June 30, 2012, not more than \$75,000.
2	(2) With respect to an eligible student with a
3	disability, as calculated by multiplying:
4	(i) the sum of:
5	(A) the applicable amount under paragraph (1);
6	<u>and</u>
7	(B) the applicable income allowance; by
8	(ii) the applicable support level factor according
9	to the following table:
10	Support Level Support Level Factor
11	<u>1</u> <u>1.50</u>
12	<u>2</u> .993
13	(3) Beginning July 1, 2013, the Department of Community
14	and Economic Development shall annually adjust the income
15	amounts under paragraphs (1) and (2) to reflect any upward
16	changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
17	for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area
18	in the preceding 12 months and shall immediately submit the
19	adjusted amounts to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
20	publication as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
21	"Pass-through entity." A partnership as defined in section
22	301(n.0) of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the
23	Tax Reform Code of 1971, a single-member limited liability
24	company treated as a disregarded entity for Federal income tax
25	purposes or a Pennsylvania S corporation as defined in section
26	301(n.1) of the Tax Reform Code of 1971.
27	"Prekindergarten program." A program of instruction for
28	three-year-old or four-year-old students that utilizes a
29	curriculum aligned with the curriculum of the school with which
30	it is affiliated and that provides:

- 1 (1) a minimum of two hours of instructional and
- 2 <u>developmental activities per day at least 60 days per school</u>
- 3 year; or
- 4 (2) a minimum of two hours of instructional and
- 5 <u>developmental activities per day at least 20 days over the</u>
- 6 <u>summer recess.</u>
- 7 <u>"Prekindergarten scholarship organization." A nonprofit</u>
- 8 entity that:
- 9 <u>(1) Either is exempt from Federal taxation under section</u>
- 10 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law
- 11 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.) or is operated as a separate
- 12 <u>segregated fund by a scholarship organization that has been</u>
- 13 <u>qualified under section 2502-B.</u>
- 14 (2) Contributes at least 80% of its annual cash receipts
- to a prekindergarten scholarship program by expending or
- 16 <u>otherwise irrevocably encumbering those funds for</u>
- 17 distribution during the then current fiscal year of the
- 18 organization or during the next succeeding fiscal year of the
- 19 organization.
- 20 "Prekindergarten scholarship program." A program to provide
- 21 tuition to eligible prekindergarten students to attend a
- 22 prekindergarten program operated by or in conjunction with a
- 23 school located in this Commonwealth and that includes an
- 24 application and review process for the purpose of making awards
- 25 to eligible prekindergarten students and awards scholarships to
- 26 eligible prekindergarten students without limiting availability
- 27 to only students of one school.
- 28 "Public school." A public prekindergarten where compulsory
- 29 attendance requirements do not apply or a public kindergarten,
- 30 elementary school or secondary school at which the compulsory

- 1 attendance requirements of this Commonwealth may be met and that
- 2 meets the applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil
- 3 Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).
- 4 <u>"Scholarship." An award under a scholarship program.</u>
- 5 <u>"Scholarship organization." A nonprofit entity that:</u>
- 6 (1) is exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(c)
- 7 (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514,
- 8 <u>26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.); and</u>
- 9 (2) contributes at least 80% of its annual cash receipts
- 10 <u>to a scholarship program.</u>
- 11 For purposes of this definition, a nonprofit entity
- 12 <u>"contributes" its annual cash receipts to a scholarship program</u>
- 13 when it expends or otherwise irrevocably encumbers those funds
- 14 for distribution during the then current fiscal year of the
- 15 nonprofit entity or during the next succeeding fiscal year of
- 16 the nonprofit entity.
- 17 <u>"Scholarship program."</u> A program to provide tuition to
- 18 eligible students to attend a school located in this
- 19 Commonwealth. A scholarship program must include an application
- 20 and review process for the purpose of making awards to eligible
- 21 students. The award of scholarships to eliqible students shall
- 22 be made without limiting availability to only students of one
- 23 school.
- 24 <u>"School." A public or nonpublic prekindergarten,</u>
- 25 kindergarten, elementary school or secondary school at which the
- 26 compulsory attendance requirements of the Commonwealth may be
- 27 met and that meets the applicable requirements of Title VI of
- 28 the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).
- 29 "School age." From the earliest admission age to a school's
- 30 prekindergarten or kindergarten program or, when no

- 1 prekindergarten or kindergarten program is provided, the
- 2 school's earliest admission age for beginners, until the end of
- 3 the school year the student attains 21 years of age or
- 4 graduation from high school, whichever occurs first.
- 5 <u>"Special education school." A school or program within a</u>
- 6 school that is designated specifically and exclusively for
- 7 students with any of the disabilities listed in 34 CFR § 300.8
- 8 (relating to child with a disability) and meets one of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (1) is licensed under the act of January 28, 1988
- 11 (P.L.24, No.11), known as the Private Academic Schools Act;
- 12 (2) is accredited by an accrediting association approved
- by the State Board of Education;
- 14 (3) is a school for the blind or deaf receiving
- 15 <u>Commonwealth appropriations; or</u>
- 16 (4) is operated by or under the authority of a bona fide
- 17 religious institution or by the Commonwealth or any political
- 18 subdivision thereof.
- 19 "Support level." The level of support needed by an eligible
- 20 student with a disability, as stated in the following matrix:
- 21 (1) Support level 1. The student is not enrolled in a
- 22 <u>special education school.</u>
- 23 (2) Support level 2. The student is enrolled in a
- 24 special education school.
- 25 "Tax credit." The educational improvement tax credit
- 26 established under this article.
- 27 <u>Section 2502-B. Qualification and application.</u>
- 28 (a) Establishment.--In accordance with section 14 of Article
- 29 <u>III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, an educational</u>
- 30 improvement tax credit program is established to enhance the

- 1 educational opportunities available to all students in this
- 2 Commonwealth.
- 3 (b) Information.--In order to qualify under this article, a
- 4 <u>scholarship organization</u>, a <u>prekindergarten scholarship</u>
- 5 <u>organization or an educational improvement organization must</u>
- 6 <u>submit information to the department that enables the department</u>
- 7 to confirm that the organization is exempt from taxation under
- 8 <u>section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public</u>
- 9 <u>Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.).</u>
- 10 (c) Scholarship organizations and prekindergarten
- 11 <u>scholarship organizations.--A scholarship organization or</u>
- 12 prekindergarten scholarship organization must certify to the
- 13 <u>department that the organization is eligible to participate in</u>
- 14 the program established under this article and must agree to
- 15 annually report the following information to the department by
- 16 September 1 of each year:
- 17 (1) (i) The number of scholarships awarded during the
- immediately preceding school year to eligible
- 19 <u>prekindergarten students.</u>
- 20 (ii) The total and average amounts of scholarships
- 21 <u>awarded during the immediately preceding school year to</u>
- 22 <u>eligible prekindergarten students.</u>
- 23 (iii) The number of scholarships awarded during the
- 24 immediately preceding school year to eligible students in
- 25 <u>grades kindergarten through eight.</u>
- 26 (iv) The total and average amounts of scholarships
- 27 <u>awarded during the immediately preceding school year to</u>
- 28 eligible students in grades kindergarten through eight.
- 29 <u>(v) The number of scholarships awarded during the</u>
- immediately preceding school year to eligible students in

<u>grades 9 through 12.</u>
(vi) The total and average amounts of scholarships
awarded during the immediately preceding school year to
eligible students in grades 9 through 12.
(vii) Where the scholarship organization or
prekindergarten scholarship organization collects
information on a county-by-county basis, the total number
and the total dollar amount of scholarships awarded
during the immediately preceding school year to residents
of each county in which the scholarship organization or
prekindergarten scholarship organization awarded
scholarships.
(2) The information required under paragraph (1) shall
be submitted on a form provided by the department. No later
than May 1 of each year, the department shall annually
distribute such sample forms, together with the forms on
which the reports are required to be made, to each listed
scholarship organization and prekindergarten scholarship
organization.
(3) The department may not require any other information
to be provided by scholarship organizations or
prekindergarten scholarship organizations, except as
expressly authorized in this article.
(d) Educational improvement organization
(1) An application submitted by an educational
improvement organization must describe its proposed
innovative educational program or programs in a form
prescribed by the department. In prescribing the form, the
department shall consult with the Department of Education as
necessary. The department shall review and approve or

1	disapprove the application. In order to be eligible to
2	participate in the program established under this article, an
3	educational improvement organization must agree to annually
4	report the following information to the department by
5	September 1 of each year:
6	(i) The name of the innovative educational program
7	or programs and the total amount of the grant or grants
8	made to those programs during the immediately preceding
9	school year.
10	(ii) A description of how each grant was utilized
11	during the immediately preceding school year and a
12	description of any demonstrated or expected innovative
13	educational improvements.
14	(iii) The names of the public schools and school
15	districts where innovative educational programs that
16	received grants during the immediately preceding school
17	year were implemented.
18	(iv) Where the educational improvement organization
19	collects information on a county-by-county basis, the
20	total number and the total dollar amount of grants made
21	during the immediately preceding school year for programs
22	at public schools in each county in which the educational
23	improvement organization made grants.
24	(2) The information required under paragraph (1) shall
25	be submitted on a form provided by the department. No later
26	than May 1 of each year, the department shall annually
27	distribute such sample forms, together with the forms on
28	which the reports are required to be made, to each listed
29	educational improvement organization.
3.0	(3) The department may not require any other information

- 1 to be provided by educational improvement organizations,
- 2 except as expressly authorized in this article.
- 3 (e) Notification. -- The department shall notify the
- 4 <u>scholarship organization</u>, <u>prekindergarten scholarship</u>
- 5 organization or educational improvement organization that the
- 6 organization meets the requirements of this article for that
- 7 <u>fiscal year no later than 60 days after the organization has</u>
- 8 <u>submitted the information required under this section.</u>
- 9 (f) Publication. -- The department shall annually publish a
- 10 list of each scholarship organization, prekindergarten
- 11 <u>scholarship organization or educational improvement organization</u>
- 12 gualified under this section in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The
- 13 <u>list shall also be posted and updated as necessary on the</u>
- 14 publicly accessible Internet website of the department.
- 15 <u>Section 2503-B. Application.</u>
- 16 (a) Scholarship organization or prekindergarten scholarship
- 17 organization. -- A business firm shall apply to the department for
- 18 a tax credit. A business firm shall receive a tax credit if the
- 19 <u>scholarship organization or prekindergarten scholarship</u>
- 20 organization that receives the contribution appears on the list
- 21 established under section 2502-B(f).
- 22 (b) Educational improvement organization. -- A business firm
- 23 must apply to the department for a tax credit. A business firm
- 24 shall receive a tax credit if the department has approved the
- 25 program provided by the educational improvement organization
- 26 that receives the contribution.
- 27 (c) Availability of tax credits.--Tax credits shall be made
- 28 available by the department on a first-come-first-served basis
- 29 <u>within the limitations established under section 2505-B(a).</u>
- 30 (d) Contributions.--A contribution by a business firm to a

- 1 <u>scholarship organization</u>, <u>prekindergarten scholarship</u>
- 2 organization or educational improvement organization shall be
- 3 <u>made no later than 60 days following the approval of an</u>
- 4 application under subsection (a) or (b).
- 5 Section 2504-B. Tax credit.
- 6 (a) Scholarship or educational improvement organizations. --
- 7 <u>In accordance with section 2505-B(a), the Department of Revenue</u>
- 8 shall grant a tax credit against any tax due under Article III,
- 9 IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX or XV of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,
- 10 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, to a business firm
- 11 providing proof of a contribution to a scholarship organization
- 12 <u>or educational improvement organization in the taxable year in</u>
- 13 which the contribution is made which shall not exceed 75% of the
- 14 total amount contributed during the taxable year by the business
- 15 firm. For the fiscal year 2011-2012, the tax credit shall not
- 16 exceed \$400,000 annually per business firm for contributions
- 17 made to scholarship organizations and educational improvement
- 18 organizations. For the fiscal year 2012-2013, the tax credit
- 19 shall not exceed \$750,000 annually per business firm for
- 20 contributions made to scholarship organizations or educational
- 21 improvement organizations.
- 22 (b) Additional amount.--The Department of Revenue shall
- 23 grant a tax credit of up to 90% of the total amount contributed
- 24 during the taxable year if the business firm provides a written
- 25 commitment to provide the scholarship organization or
- 26 educational improvement organization with the same amount of
- 27 <u>contribution for two consecutive tax years. The business firm</u>
- 28 must provide the written commitment under this subsection to the
- 29 <u>department at the time of application</u>.
- 30 (c) Prekindergarten scholarship organizations.--In

- 1 accordance with section 2505-B(a), the Department of Revenue
- 2 shall grant a tax credit against any tax due under Article III,
- 3 IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX or XV of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to a
- 4 <u>business firm providing proof of a contribution to a</u>
- 5 prekindergarten scholarship organization in the taxable year in
- 6 which the contribution is made which shall be equal to 100% of
- 7 the first \$10,000 contributed during the taxable year by the
- 8 <u>business firm</u>, and which shall not exceed 90% of the remaining
- 9 amount contributed during the taxable year by the business firm.
- 10 For the fiscal year 2011-2012, the tax credit shall not exceed
- 11 \$200,000 annually per business firm for contributions made to
- 12 prekindergarten scholarship organizations. For the fiscal year
- 13 2012-2013, the tax credit shall not exceed \$250,000 annually per
- 14 <u>business firm for contributions made to prekindergarten</u>
- 15 <u>scholarship organizations</u>.
- 16 (d) Combination of tax credits. -- A business firm may receive
- 17 tax credits from the Department of Revenue in any tax year for
- 18 any combination of contributions under subsection (a), (b) or
- 19 (c). In no case may a business firm receive tax credits in any
- 20 tax year in excess of \$750,000 for contributions under
- 21 subsections (a) and (b). In no case shall a business firm
- 22 receive tax credits in any tax year in excess of \$250,000 for
- 23 <u>contributions under subsection (c).</u>
- 24 (e) Pass-through entity.--
- 25 (1) If a pass-through entity does not intend to use all
- approved tax credits under this section, it may elect in
- 27 <u>writing to transfer all or a portion of the tax credit to</u>
- shareholders, members or partners in proportion to the share
- of the entity's distributive income to which the shareholder,
- member or partner is entitled for use in the taxable year in

1	which	the	contribution	is	made	or	in	the	taxable	year

- 2 immediately following the year in which the contribution is
- made. The election shall designate the year in which the
- 4 <u>transferred tax credits are to be used and shall be made</u>
- 5 <u>according to procedures established by the Department of</u>
- 6 <u>Revenue</u>.
- 7 (2) A pass-through entity and a shareholder, member or
- 8 partner of a pass-through entity shall not claim the tax
- 9 <u>credit under this section for the same contribution.</u>
- 10 (3) The shareholder, member or partner may not carry
- 11 forward, carry back, obtain a refund of or sell or assign the
- 12 tax credit.
- 13 (4) The shareholder, member or partner may claim the
- credit on a joint return, but the tax credit may not exceed
- the separate income of that shareholder, member or partner.
- 16 (f) Restriction on applicability of credits. -- No tax credits
- 17 shall be applied against any tax withheld by an employer from an
- 18 employee under Article III of the Tax Reform Code of 1971.
- 19 (g) Time of application for credits.--
- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department
- 21 <u>may accept applications for tax credits available during a</u>
- 22 fiscal year no earlier than July 1 of each fiscal year.
- 23 (2) The application of any business firm for tax credits
- available during a fiscal year as part of the second year of
- 25 a two-year commitment or as a renewal of a two-year
- commitment that was fulfilled in the previous fiscal year may
- 27 <u>be accepted no earlier than May 15 preceding the fiscal year.</u>
- 28 Section 2505-B. Limitations.
- 29 <u>(a) Amount.--</u>
- 30 (1) For the fiscal year 2011 2012, the total aggregate

1	(1) (I) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, THE TOTAL
2	AGGREGATE amount of all tax credits approved shall not
3	exceed \$100,000,000. No less than 75% of the total
4	aggregate amount \$100,000,000.
5	(II) NOT MORE THAN \$67,000,000 OF THE TOTAL
6	AGGREGATE AMOUNT of all tax credits approved shall be
7	used to provide tax credits for contributions from
8	business firms to scholarship organizations, including
9	prekindergarten scholarship organizations. No less than
10	25% of the total aggregate amount ORGANIZATIONS.
11	(III) NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 OF THE TOTAL
12	AGGREGATE AMOUNT of all tax credits approved shall be
13	used to provide tax credits for contributions from
14	business firms to educational improvement organizations.
15	(IV) NOT MORE THAN \$8,000,000 OF THE TOTAL AGGREGATE
16	AMOUNT OF ALL TAX CREDITS APPROVED SHALL BE USED TO
17	PROVIDE TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESS FIRMS
18	TO PREKINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.
19	(2) IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, THE TOTAL AGGREGATE
20	(2) (I) IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND EACH FISCAL
21	YEAR THEREAFTER, THE TOTAL AGGREGATE amount of all tax
22	credits approved shall not exceed \$200,000,000.
23	(II) NOT MORE THAN \$120,000,000 OF THE TOTAL
24	AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL TAX CREDITS APPROVED SHALL BE
25	USED TO PROVIDE TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
26	BUSINESS FIRMS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.
27	(III) NOT MORE THAN \$60,000,000 OF THE TOTAL
28	AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL TAX CREDITS APPROVED SHALL BE
29	USED TO PROVIDE TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
30	BUSINESS FIRMS TO EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Τ	(IV) NOT MORE THAN \$20,000 OF THE TOTAL
2	AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL TAX CREDITS APPROVED SHALL BE
3	USED TO PROVIDE TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
4	BUSINESS FIRMS TO PREKINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP
5	ORGANIZATIONS.
6	(3) For the fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, the
7	total aggregate amount of all tax credits approved for
8	contributions from business firms to prekindergarten
9	scholarship programs shall not exceed \$8,000,000 in a fiscal
10	year.
11	(b) Activities No tax credit shall be approved for
12	activities that are a part of a business firm's normal course of
13	business.
14	(c) Tax liability
15	(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a tax credit
16	granted for any one taxable year may not exceed the tax
17	liability of a business firm.
18	(2) In the case of a credit granted to a pass-through
19	entity which elects to transfer the credit according to
20	section 2504-B(e), a tax credit granted for any one taxable
21	year and transferred to a shareholder, member or partner may
22	not exceed the tax liability of the shareholder, member or
23	<pre>partner.</pre>
24	(d) UseA tax credit not used by the applicant in the
25	taxable year the contribution was made or in the year designated
26	by the shareholder, member or partner to whom the credit was
27	transferred under section 2504-B(e) may not be carried forward
28	or carried back and is not refundable or transferable.
29	(e) Nontaxable income A scholarship received by an
30	eligible student or eligible prekindergarten student shall not

- 1 <u>be considered to be taxable income for the purposes of Article</u>
- 2 III of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax
- 3 Reform Code of 1971.
- 4 <u>Section 2506-B. Lists.</u>
- 5 The Department of Revenue shall provide to the General
- 6 Assembly, by June 30 of each year, a list of all scholarship
- 7 organizations, prekindergarten scholarship organizations and
- 8 <u>educational improvement organizations that receive contributions</u>
- 9 <u>from business firms granted a tax credit.</u>
- 10 Section 2507-B. Guidelines.
- 11 The department, in consultation with the Department of
- 12 Education, shall develop guidelines to determine the eligibility
- 13 of an innovative educational program.
- 14 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:
- 15 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
- 16 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
- 17 Article XXV-B of the act.
- 18 (2) Article XVII-F and section 2902-E(b) of the act of
- March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of
- 20 1971, are repealed.
- 21 Section 3. The provisions of Article XXV-B of the act are
- 22 severable. If any provision of that article or its application
- 23 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity
- 24 shall not affect other provisions or applications of that
- 25 article which can be given effect without the invalid provision
- 26 or application.
- 27 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.