



October 25, 2011

The Honorable Tom Corbett
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Corbett:


Subject: Senate Bill 296, Printer's Number 1597

The General Assembly has sent you Senate Bill 296 following unanimous votes in both chambers. The PA Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) and the PA Association of School Administrators (PASA) strongly support this bill as further recognition of the need for mandate relief for schools. During the current and certainly continuing economic difficulties facing schools, every step to help reduce costs is an important step.

We not only wanted to voice our support for the legislation but also encourage you to sign this bill immediately. Your signature prior to November 1 will allow the new law to be effective on January 1, 2012. If the bill is signed on November 1 or later (by our reading of the language) schools would not experience any savings from the new law until January 1, 2013.

Since this bill is a straightforward amendment to the School Code that precisely updates antiquated thresholds, we would hope you and your staff could expedite the review process in order to provide immediate savings for schools. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jay Himes, CAE
Executive Director
PASBO


Jim Buckheit
Executive Director
PASA

cc: The Honorable Ronald J. Tomalis, Secretary, PA Department of Education