Accounting Bulletin #2000-06

SUBJECT: New Revenue to be Distributed per Act 16 of 2000

Effective Immediately

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Act 16 of 2000 (Senate Bill 652, Printer Number 1922), signed into law May 10, 2000, contained provision for two new revenues that were not included in the Chart of Accounts posted to the PDE web-site. This accounting bulletin will discuss these changes.

Section 1503-A of the PA Public School Code, which addresses Basic Education Grants, was amended to expand the allowable uses of the grant. Also, this Section was revised to permit school districts, charter schools, area vocational-technical schools and intermediate units to apply for these grants as prescribed by the PA Department of Education. These grants will be based on a formula that considers the market value/income aid ratio and average daily membership of the school. The Department may establish matching requirements for grant recipients. Basic Education Grants were previously entitled Link-to-Learn Basic Education Grants. You should continue recording these grants to revenue account 7910 and funding source 340.

Section 1709-B was added for School Improvement Grants. These grants will be distributed to school districts on the Education Empowerment List or school districts certified as an Education Empowerment District. The grants are to assist these schools in the implementation of their school district improvement plans. The Section describes in detail the purpose of the grant, how payments will be calculated, the allowable uses for the grant funds, the required reporting, and the consequences of not using the grant funds in accordance with guidelines. Schools receiving these grants should record them to revenue account code 7170 and funding source 207.

Please refer to Act 16 of 2000 for complete details on the above revenues, as well as other amendments to the PA Public School Code.

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