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SUBJECT: Legislative Update Public Act (PA) 25-67 § 2 – Prevents Charging Entity from

Increasing Charges After the Start of the School Year

As previously communicated in Series 2025-26: <u>Circular Letter: C1</u>, effective July 1, 2025, <u>PA 25-67 § 2</u> mandates that a "charging entity" shall not increase the amount charged to a local or regional board of education for a service provided pursuant to an individualized education program (IEP) for a student during said school year, except a charging entity may increase or lower the total amount charged to such board if the charging entity adds or decreases the services provided pursuant to a change in such student's IEP.

A "charging entity" means an approved private provider of special education services, regional educational service centers (RESCs), operator of an interdistrict magnet school program, state charter school, a cooperative arrangement pursuant to Section 10-158a, a local or regional board of education operating an outplacement program, or as part of the statewide interdistrict public school attendance program pursuant to Section 10-266aa, or a provider of special education transportation services.

A charging entity may submit a request to the Commissioner of Education related to the need to increase the amount charged to a local or regional board of education that is not the result of an identified student need as determined by the planning and placement team (PPT). Requests may be submitted to the following link: Request to CSDE to Increase Charges. Upon review of the submitted materials, the CSDE will notify the charging entity whether the request has been approved or denied.

Thank you for your attention to this new requirement and your continued efforts to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

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