

THE RESULTING QUOTIENT SHALL BE ROUNDED TO SIX DECIMAL PLACES AND THEN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE; THIS PERCENTAGE FIGURE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM PERCENTAGE;

(4) FOURTH: A CALCULATION SHALL BE MADE FOR EACH COUNTY BY MULTIPLYING THE WEALTH OF THE COUNTY BY THE UNIFORM PERCENTAGE; THE PRODUCT IS THE INITIAL REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE COUNTY TO THE EXCESS COST PROGRAM; THIS INITIAL REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE SUBTRACTED, FOR EACH COUNTY, FROM THE INITIAL TOTAL EXCESS COST PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY, DETERMINED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AND THE REMAINDER IS THE INITIAL REQUIRED STATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY FOR THE PROGRAM;

(5) FIFTH: THE INITIAL REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION AND THE INITIAL REQUIRED STATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXCESS COST PROGRAM FOR EACH COUNTY, AS DETERMINED UNDER ITEM (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL BE MULTIPLIED BY AN INDEX CALCULATED FOR THAT COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

(I) THE FISCAL YEAR 1976 EXCESS COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SHALL BE DETERMINED FOR EACH COUNTY BY ADDING THE 1976 COUNTY BASE AND STATE BASE, AS SET FORTH IN §8-417.2(C) (1) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) FOR EACH COUNTY, THIS FISCAL YEAR 1976 EXCESS COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SHALL BE DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE COUNTY AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1975; THE QUOTIENT IS THE COUNTY'S PER STUDENT EXCESS COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976;

(III) THESE COUNTY PER STUDENT EXCESS COST FIGURES SHALL THEN BE RANKED IN ORDER FROM THE HIGHEST TO THE LOWEST;

(IV) A MEDIAN PER STUDENT EXCESS COST THEN SHALL BE DETERMINED BY ADDING TOGETHER THE FIGURES FOR THE TWELFTH RANKED COUNTY AND THE THIRTEENTH RANKED COUNTY AND DIVIDING THE SUM BY TWO;

(V) THE MEDIAN PER STUDENT EXCESS COST SHALL BE GIVEN AN INDEX NUMBER OF 1.000;

(VI) EACH COUNTY THAT HAS A FISCAL YEAR 1976 PER STUDENT EXCESS COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE MEDIAN ALSO SHALL BE GIVEN AN INDEX NUMBER OF 1.000;

(VII) EACH COUNTY THAT HAS A FISCAL YEAR 1976 PER STUDENT EXCESS COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION GREATER THAN THE MEDIAN SHALL BE GIVEN AN INDEX NUMBER CALCULATED BY DIVIDING ITS PER STUDENT EXCESS COST BY THE MEDIAN PER STUDENT EXCESS COST AND ROUNDING THE QUOTIENT TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES;

(VIII) THE APPROPRIATE INDEXES BY COUNTY ARE AS FOLLOWS: