## BY: Senator Pinsky

## AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 175, AS AMENDED (First Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On page 132, in Committee Amendment No. 275 under:

Heading:	AID TO EDUCATION	
Program:	RA02.23	
Entitled:	Class Size Initiative	
In line 3 in the General Fund Appropriation:		

Strike: "<u>24,622,116</u>"

Substitute: "26,122,116"

And in line 5 of the Aggregate Appropriation:

Strike:	"45,351,641"
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Substitute: "<u>46,851,641</u>".

On page 136, in Committee Amendment No. 286 under:

Heading: FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Program: RA03.04

Entitled: Aid to Non-Public Schools In line 42 in the Special Fund Appropriation:

Strike: "<u>4,000,000</u>"

Substitute: "<u>0</u>"

**Explanation**: The amendment deletes \$4.0 million in funding for the purchase of textbooks in non-public schools. Those funds will revert to the Cigarette Restitution Fund for future appropriation. In addition, the amendment restores a \$1,500,000 general fund reduction that was made to the professional development portion of the class size reduction program. This restoration will be funded from the general fund balance, leaving approximately \$4.7 million in the general fund balance. That is the approximate balance under the Governor's original budget submission.