
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No.

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Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. HAYS, WAGNER, SEYLER,
SILVERT AND YATRON, MAY 3, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 3, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10 1949 (P L 30) entitled "An act relating to the public school system including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools amending revising consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto" changing the per pupil unit cost reimbursement for elementary and secondary school construction authorizing reimbursement in the year of acquisition for school building sites purchased in advance of their need and harmonizing provisions related thereto and extending

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

the provisions for reimbursement on preliminary payments on account of approved building construction to include the State Public School Building Authority and Municipal Authorities and abolishing the cost limitations on school building projects for reimbursement purposes

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 Subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2574 act of March 10
2 1949 (P L 30) known as the "Public School Code of 1949" added March
3 22 1956 (P L 1955) amended November 30 1959 (P L 1601) are
4 amended to read

5 Section 2574 Approved Reimbursable Rental for Leases Hereafter
6 Approved and Approved Reimbursable Sinking Fund Charges on In-
7 debtedness

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9 (b) For new school buildings the approved building construction
10 cost shall be the lesser of

11 (1) The cost of constructing the school buildings including the
12 cost of essential fixtures and equipment but excluding architect's fees
13 in excess of six per cent (6%) of the contract price or

1 (2) The product of the rated pupil capacity as determined by the
2 Department of Public Instruction at the time the project is approved
3 and (i) [one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100)] one thousand two
4 hundred dollars (\$1200) in the case of elementary schools (ii) [one
5 thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1700)] one thousand eight hundred
6 dollars (\$1800) in the case of secondary schools (iii) an amount in the
7 case of combined elementary-secondary schools obtained by multiplying
8 the rated elementary pupil capacity by [one thousand one hundred
9 dollars (\$1100)] one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200) and the
10 rated secondary pupil capacity by [one thousand seven hundred dollars
11 (\$1700)] one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1800) and dividing the
12 sum by the total rated pupil capacity

13 (c) For additions or alterations to existing buildings approved build-
14 ing construction cost shall be the lesser of

15 (1) The cost of constructing the additions or alterations including
16 the cost of essential fixtures and equipment by excluding architect's
17 fees in excess of six per cent (6%) of the contract price or

18 (2) The difference obtained by subtracting the appraisal value of
19 the existing buildings from the product of rated pupil capacity of the

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1 altered or expanded building as determined by the Department of
2 Public Instruction at the time the project is approved and (i) [one
3 thousand one hundred dollars (\$1100)] one thousand two hundred
4 dollars (\$1200) in the case of elementary schools (ii) [one thousand
5 seven hundred dollars (\$1700)] one thousand eight hundred dollars
6 (\$1800) in the case of secondary schools (iii) an amount in the case
7 of combined elementary-secondary schools obtained by multiplying the
8 rated elementary pupil capacity of the altered or expanded building by
9 [one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1700)] one thousand eight hun-
10 dred dollars (\$1800) and dividing the sum by the total rated pupil
11 capacity of the altered or expanded building

12 Appraisal value shall be the value made immediately before the
13 additions or alterations are begun by three competent appraisers one
14 appointed by the school authorities one by the Superintendent of Public
15 Instruction and the third by the other two

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17 Section 2 Subsection (c.1) of Section 2574 of the act added July
18 11 1957 (P L 373) is amended to read

1 (c.1) If the Commonwealth makes any payment under section
2 2575.1 of this act on account of a preliminary payment by a school
3 district on the approved building construction cost the amount of the
4 preliminary payment by the school district shall be subtracted from
5 the amount of the approved building construction cost for the purpose
6 of calculating the approved reimbursable rental on projects undertaken
7 pursuant to section 791 or section 790 or section 783 of this act

8 Section 3 Section 2574 of the act amended November 30 1959 (P L.
9 1601) is amended by adding after subsection (c.1) a new subsection
10 to read

11 (c.2) If the Commonwealth makes a payment of fifty per cent
12 (50%) under Section 2574.1 of this act on account of the approved
13 cost of the acquisition of a site for a school building the amount payable
14 under this section on account of the approved cost of site acquisition
15 shall be reduced by fifty per cent (50%)

16 Section 4 The act is amended by adding after section 2574 a new
17 section to read

18 Section 2574.1 Payments on Account of Building Site Costs When-
19 ever any school district acquires a site for a school building in advance

1 of its need and in accordance with a long range master plan for school
2 building construction approved by the State Council of Education to
3 the extent that the cost of the acquisition shall be deemed reasonable
4 by the Department of Public Instruction the Commonwealth shall pay
5 in the year of such acquisition fifty per cent (50%) of the reimburse-
6 ment due the district under applicable laws in force at that time for
7 the cost of acquisition the balance due the district on account of the
8 original approved site acquisition cost shall become part of the approved
9 reimbursable rental or sinking fund charge at the time the school
10 building project is approved and shall be subject to such applicable laws
11 as may be in effect at that time If such site is not thereafter used by
12 the district for school building purposes the amounts paid to the district
13 under this section shall be returned to the Commonwealth

14 Section 5 Section 2575.1 of the act added July 11 1957 (P L. 373) is
15 amended to read

16 Section 2575.1 Payments on Account of Building Costs The Com-
17 monwealth shall pay to any school district making a preliminary payment
18 on account of the approved building construction cost as authorized by
19 section 783 or by clause (4) of section 790 or by clause (5) of section
20 791 of this act an amount determined by multiplying the district's

1 capital account reimbursement fraction by the amount of the payment
2 made by the school district

3 The payment required by this section shall be made for the year
4 in which the school district made its payment on account of the ap-
5 proved building construction cost

6 Section 6 Subsection (a) of Section 2577 and the amendments
7 thereto are hereby repealed

8 Section 7 This act shall take effect July 1 1961

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor

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