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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **721** Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. KELLER AND STIEFEL,  
JUNE 1, 1961.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT,  
JUNE 1, 1961.

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**AN ACT**

Amending the act of March 31 1949 (P L 372) entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth creating The General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct improve equip furnish and operate projects and to lease the same and to fix fees rentals and charges for the use thereof authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said Authority and providing for the payment of such bonds and the rights of the holders thereof and to enter

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.

into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant assign convey or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein and to acquire lands therefor granting the right of eminent domain empowering The General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act" empowering the Authority to construct additions and improvements to specialized colleges of science and/or agriculture receiving State aid authorizing contracts to lease and leases by the Department of Public Instruction from the Authority of any additions or improvements to specialized colleges of science and/or agriculture receiving State aid and furnishing and equipment thereof when used or occupied and authorizing subleases of such projects

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 The first paragraph of section 4 act of March 31 1949

2 (P L 372) known as "The General State Authority Act of one thou-

1 said nine hundred forty-nine" amended December 22 1959 (P L 1997)

2 is amended to read

3       Section 4 Purposes and Powers General The Authority is created  
4 for the purpose of constructing improving equipping furnishing main-  
5 taining acquiring and operating sewers sewer systems and sewage treat-  
6 ment works for State institutions of every kind and character (hereto-  
7 fore or hereafter constructed) public buildings for the use of the  
8 Commonwealth an official residence in the City of Harrisburg which  
9 shall thereafter be used as the official residence of the Governor of  
10 the Commonwealth State arsenals armories and military reserves State  
11 airports and landing fields State institutions of every kind and char-  
12 acter (heretofore or hereafter constructed) additions and improvements  
13 to land grant colleges State teachers' colleges universities and medical  
14 colleges and specialized colleges of science and/or agriculture receiving  
15 State aid school buildings and the furnishings and equipment thereof  
16 for the use of the public schools State highways and bridges toll  
17 bridges tunnels and traffic circles on State highways swimming pools  
18 and lakes on State land low head dams improvements to river em-  
19 bankments desilting dams impounding basins flood control projects and  
20 the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection with

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1 State institutions and for use of State teachers' colleges (any and all  
2 the foregoing being herein called "projects") Provided however That  
3 the purpose and intent of this act being to benefit the people of the  
4 Commonwealth by among other things increasing their commerce and  
5 prosperity and not to unnecessarily burden or interfere with existing  
6 business by the establishment of competitive enterprises none of the  
7 powers granted hereby (other than for the construction improvement  
8 and maintenance of bridges) shall be exercised in the construction  
9 improvement maintenance extension or operation of any project or  
10 projects which in whole or in part shall duplicate or compete with  
11 existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes and the  
12 Authority is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise all powers  
13 necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the aforesaid pur-  
14 poses including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing  
15 the following rights and powers

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17 Section 2 Section 9.2 of the act amended June 28 1957 (P L 414)  
18 is amended to read

19 Section 9.2 Contracts to Lease and Leases by Department of Public  
20 Instruction or School Districts from Authority The Department of

1 Public Instruction or any school district shall have power and authority  
2 with approval of the Governor to enter into contracts with the Author-  
3 ity to lease as lessee from the Authority any school building or addi-  
4 tions or improvements to universities or medical colleges or specialized  
5 colleges of science and/or agriculture receiving State aid and the  
6 furnishings and equipment thereof constructed or improved by the  
7 Authority for a term with respect to each not exceeding thirty (30)  
8 years at such rental or rentals as may be determined by the Authority  
9 and upon the completion of said school building or additions or im-  
10 provements and the furnishings and equipment thereof or when said  
11 projects are used or occupied the Department of Public Instruction  
12 or school district shall have power and authority with the approval  
13 of the Governor to lease as lessee said school building or additions  
14 or improvements and the furnishings and equipment thereof for a term  
15 with respect to each not exceeding thirty (30) years at such rental  
16 or rentals as may be determined by the Authority

17 When any such project is leased by the Authority to the Common-  
18 wealth of Pennsylvania the Department of Public Instruction shall

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1 have power and authority with the approval of the Governor to sub-  
2 lease such project to the university or medical college or specialized  
3 college of science and/or agriculture receiving State aid or school dis-  
4 trict for which said project has been undertaken upon such terms and  
5 conditions as shall be agreed to

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