

No. 174

AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," authorizing school districts of the first class to dedicate, sell, donate, convey or lease real estate, to the city comprising the district for any purpose with or without consideration.

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

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 1. Article XXI, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding, after section two thousand one hundred thirty-one thereof, a new section to read:

Article XXI, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended by adding a new section 2132, after section 2131.

Section 2132. Transfers of Real Estate.—Notwithstanding the provisions of section seven hundred seven of this act, the board of public education in each school district of the first class may dedicate, sell, donate, convey or lease to the city comprising the district any real estate owned by it for any lawful purpose upon such terms with or without consideration as it may determine.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of September, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 175

AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," further defining the circumstances under which the approval of the Department of Public Instruction is required for construction or repairs.

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

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 1. Section seven hundred thirty-one, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July twenty-seven, one thousand nine

Section 731, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended July 27, 1953, P. L. 629, further amended.

hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 629), is amended to read:

Section 731. Approval by Department of Plans, etc., of Buildings; Exceptions.—No public school building shall be contracted for, constructed, or reconstructed, in any school district of the second, third, or fourth class, until the plans and specifications therefor have been approved by the Department of Public Instruction. When ordinary repairs are proposed, such as plastering, painting, replacement of floors, improvement of school grounds, repairing or providing walks, roadways or retaining walls, the cost of which in districts of the second class will not exceed [one thousand dollars (\$1000)] *two thousand dollars (\$2000)*, or in districts of the third and fourth class will not exceed [five hundred dollars (\$500)] *one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500)*, no approval shall be required. Where any structural change is involved, such as moving or adding doors, windows, partitions, making additions or any excavations, *or any work which may affect the safety or health of the pupils, or any work which comes under the jurisdiction of another department of the Commonwealth*, approval of the Department of Public Instruction shall be required regardless of the cost of such structural change.

Section 2. Subsection (b) of section seven hundred fifty-one of the act, amended May twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 397), is amended to read:

Section 751. Work to be Done Under Contract Let on Bids; Exception.—• • • • •

(b) The board of school directors in any school district either may perform any construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work of any nature, where the entire cost or value, including labor and material, is less than [one thousand dollars (\$1000)] *two thousand dollars (\$2000)*, by its own maintenance personnel, or may have any such construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work performed by contract after soliciting bids from at least three responsible bidders: Provided, That the board of school directors in any school district may authorize the secretary of the board or other executive to award contracts for construction, reconstruction, repairs, or work of any nature, where the entire cost or value, including labor and material, is [three hundred dollars (\$300)] *five hundred dollars (\$500)* or less, without soliciting competitive bids.

APPROVED—The 27th day of September, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER