In the event that a district is eligible under the density or sparsity fraction, there shall be added to its payment, as determined above, an amount determined by multiplying the aid ratio or by three hundred seventy-five thousandths (.375), whichever is greater times expenditures in excess of four hundred dollars (\$400) per weighted average daily membership, up to a maximum of, for the school year 1966-1967 one hundred dollars (\$100), for the school year 1967-1968 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), for the school year 1968-1969 two hundred dollars (\$200), for the school year 1969-1970 and each school year thereafter two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and times the weighted average daily membership: Provided, however, a district eligible for added payment under the density or sparsity fraction may, in lieu of the above payment, elect for any school year to have added to its payment, and the Commonwealth shall add to its payment, on account of excess expenditures per weighted average daily membership in excess of four hundred dollars (\$400) a sum of thirty dollars (\$30) per weighted average daily membership.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 45 AN ACT

HB 557

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 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," harmonizing conflicting amendments and increasing the borrowing capacity of the Authority and allocating the proceeds of such borrowing capacity.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of clause (i) of section 4, act of March 31, 1949 (P. L. 372), known as "The General State Authority Act of one thousand nine hundred forty-nine," amended January 21, 1966 (P. L. 1446) and January 21, 1966 (P. L. 1452), is amended to read:

Purposes and Powers: General.—The Authority is cre-Section 4. ated for the purpose of constructing, improving, equipping, furnishing, maintaining, acquiring and operating sewers, sewer systems, and sewage treatment works for State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), public buildings for the use of the Commonwealth, an official residence in the City of Harrisburg which shall thereafter be used as the official residence of the Governor of the Commonwealth, municipal exhibition halls. State arsenals, armories, and military reserves. State airports and landing fields. State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), additions and improvements to land grant colleges. State colleges, universities and medical colleges, manual training schools, agricultural and industrial schools receiving State aid. school buildings and the furnishings and equipment thereof for the use of the public schools, State highways, and bridges, toll bridges, tunnels, and traffic circles on State highways, swimming pools, reservoirs and lakes, marinas, marine terminals, port improvements, low head dams, improvements to river embankments, desilting dams, impounding basins, flood control projects, and the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection with State institutions and for use of State colleges (any and all the foregoing being herein called "projects"): Provided, however, That the purpose and intent of this act being to benefit the people of the Commonwealth by, among other things, increasing their commerce and prosperity, and not to unnecessarily burden or interfere with existing business by the establishment of competitive enterprises, none of the powers granted hereby (other than for the construction, improvement and maintenance of bridges) shall be exercised in the construction, improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project or projects which, in whole or in part, shall duplicate or compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes. Whenever any bill authorizing the Authority to undertake specific projects becomes law, the Authority shall not undertake any project which at any time was included in such bill but which was not included in the bill as finally passed. The Authority is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

(i) To borrow money, make and issue negotiable notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations (herein called "bonds") of the Authority, not exceeding [one billion five hundred twenty-nine million, one hundred eighty thousand, nine hundred forty-four dollars (\$1,529,180,944)] one billion five hundred forty-six million, six hun-

dred seventy-seven thousand, five hundred forty-eight dollars

(\$1,546,677,548) in the aggregate, and in addition thereto, such bonds the Authority may, from time to time, determine to issue for the

purpose of refunding bonds previously issued by the Authority, and to secure the payment of all bonds, or any part thereof, by pledge or deed of trust of all or any of its revenues, rentals, and receipts, and to make such agreements with the purchasers or holders of such bonds or with others in connection with any such bonds, whether issued or to be issued, as the Authority shall deem advisable, and in general to provide for the security for said bonds and the rights of the holders thereof.

Section 2. The proceeds of this increased borrowing capacity shall be allocated approximately in the following manner:

I. Department of Property and Supplies\$16,621,774 Additional funds for:

(Renovation of Main Capitol Building, Addition

to Main Capitol Building and Parking and

General Services Levels)

(Base Construction Cost \$13,150,100)

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This sum is in addition to the amount allocated in clause (4) of subdivision XI of section 2 of the amendatory act of January 21, 1966 (P. L. 1452) and shall be allocated to the following additional items in approximately the following amounts:

- 1. Construction of Central Refrigeration Complex. (Estimated at \$2,675,000)
- 2. Renovation of North Office Building Garage and Shop Area. (Estimated at \$619,000)
- 3. Construction of Pedestrian Way, North Street to Capitol. (Estimated at \$173,600)
- 4. Construction of Executive Garage and Terrace. (Estimated at \$617,600)
- 5. Temporary Utilities. (Estimated at \$870,000)
- 6. Construction of Third Level Under Executive Wing Plaza. (Estimated at \$5,332,300)
- 7. Reconstruct North and South Office Building Terraces. (Estimated at \$544,300)
- 8. Provide Kitchen Equipment for Plaza Structure. (Estimated at \$280,000)
- 9. Exterior Renovations to Main Capitol Building. (Estimated at \$1,104,300)
- 10. Additional Elevators in Main Capitol Building. (Estimated at \$177,000)
- 11. Interior Renovations of Main Capitol. (Estimated at \$757,000)
- II. Additional borrowing capacity required under section 8.15 of the Bond Resolutions of the General State Authority...\$874,830

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of July, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 46

AN ACT

HB 252

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," further providing for seats in school buses.

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

Section 1. Clause (6), subsection (b) of section 840, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read: Section 840. School Buses; Safety Requirements.—

(b) No person shall own or operate a school bus carrying school children on the highways of this Commonwealth that, in addition to the other requirements of this act, does not conform with the following:

* * *

(6) There shall be at least thirteen (13) inches of seating space provided for each school child carried. And there shall be a measurement of at least twelve (12) inches from the front of every seat to the back of the seat next to the rear. All seats shall have [spring cushions, and all back rests shall be well padded] either spring cushions with well padded back rests or shall be of fiberglass reinforced plastic and shall be securely fastened to the bus. There shall be no longitudinal seats opposite to and facing each other within a distance of eighteen (18) inches, and in all new buses purchased after September 1, 1939, there shall be no longitudinal seats.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not less than five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days.