

No. 64  
AN ACT

SB 562

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," providing for the approval of certain plans after the project has been undertaken.

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

Section 1. Section 2605, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended October 21, 1965 (P. L. 601), is amended to read:

Section 2605. Payments; How Made.—Applications for approval of the proposed work shall be submitted to the Department of Public Instruction and except as provided below, no project shall be undertaken until such application, together with plans and specifications, have been approved by the department. When projects have to be undertaken to satisfy fire and safety standards and time is of the essence, the projects may be undertaken without first securing approval but in no case shall payment be made until approval is received.

Upon approval of the project, applications for payments, as hereinafter provided, may be made by the board of school directors of a school district or by a joint school board and by the trustees of a State college to the Department of Public Instruction in such form as the State Board of Education, with the approval of the Auditor General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Labor and Industry shall prescribe. Applications for payments under provisions of this act shall be considered in the order in which they are filed with the Department of Public Instruction.

Applicants may qualify for payments on account of repairs and/or alterations made in compliance with orders issued subsequent to December 1, 1958, by the Department of Labor and Industry or by other governmental bodies of competent jurisdiction empowered by law to enforce such orders, including the cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton.

Payments shall be made on order of the State Board of Education, signed by the chairman and secretary thereof, drawn on the State Treasurer on such funds when the applications therefor have been approved by the Auditor General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of Labor and Industry, provided the State Board of Education may grant ad interim authority to the Superin-

tendent of Public Instruction to issue orders, which shall be confirmed by the board at its next regular meeting. In the case of school districts which have less than three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) valuation per district teaching unit, payments may be approved up to seventy-five per centum of the total cost of repairs and/or alterations. In the case of school districts which have more than three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) but less than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) valuation per district teaching unit, payments may be approved up to fifty per centum of the total cost of repairs and/or alterations. In the case of school districts which have more than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) but less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) valuation per district teaching unit, payments may be approved up to twenty-five per centum of the total cost of repairs and/or alterations. Where school districts have more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) valuation per district teaching unit, payments may be approved up to five per centum of the total cost of repairs and/or alterations. Payments up to one hundred per centum of the total cost of repairs and/or alterations may be approved in the case of applications made by State colleges and school districts which are determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be financially handicapped and distressed in accordance with the provisions of this act. In no case shall any payment be made for repairs and/or alterations made to any school building which is closed finally by the Department of Labor and Industry or the Department of Public Instruction.

Except in the case of State colleges, payment on account of any project under the provisions of this act shall preclude any further reimbursement from State funds for the project.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1968.

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No. 65

AN ACT

SB 1232

Amending the act of July 5, 1947 (P. L. 1217), entitled "An act to promote the education and educational facilities of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; creating a State Public School Building Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve and operate projects and to lease the same and to fix and collect fees, rentals and charges for the use thereof; authorizing school districts to enter into contracts to lease; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds by said Authority; and providing for the payment of such bonds and the rights of the holders thereof; granting the right of eminent domain; increasing the powers and duties of the Department of Public Instruction; and providing that