

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2252 Session of
1990

INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, PETRARCA, SALOOM, FEE AND GEIST,
JANUARY 29, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 29, 1990

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for kinds of
6 transportation.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1362 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended November 20, 1979 (P.L.465, No.97), is amended to read:

12 Section 1362. Kinds of Transportation; Liability
13 Insurance.--(a) The free transportation of pupils, as required
14 or authorized by this act, or any other act, may be furnished by
15 using either school conveyances, private conveyances, or
16 electric railways, or other common carriers, when the total
17 distance which any pupil must travel by the public highway to or
18 from school, in addition to such transportation, does not exceed
19 one and one-half (1 1/2) miles, and when stations or other

proper shelters are provided for the use of such pupils where needed, and when the highway, road, or traffic conditions are not such that walking constitutes a hazard to the safety of the child, as so certified by the Department of Transportation.

(1) The Department of Transportation shall review for hazards any pupil walking route brought to its attention by a school board or, if a school board shall fail to notify the department concerning a particular pupil walking route, by a State official elected from the area in which the school district is located.

(2) The Department of Transportation shall take into account the presence of sidewalks along the highway, but such presence or lack thereof shall not be controlling and the department shall consider all relevant safety factors in making its determination as to whether or not walking constitutes a hazard to pupils.

(b) All private motor vehicles employed in transporting pupils for hire shall be adequately covered by public liability insurance in such amount as the board of school directors shall require.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.