

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

No. 248 Session of  
2007

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALEY, FLECK,  
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SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

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," providing for State reimbursement for  
6 mobile classroom facilities; and making editorial changes.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2574(a) of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
11 amended September 29, 1959 (P.L.992, No.407), is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 2574. Approved Reimbursable Rental for Leases  
14 Hereafter Approved and Approved Reimbursable Sinking Fund  
15 Charges on Indebtedness.--(a) For school building projects for  
16 which the general construction contract is awarded subsequent to  
17 March 22, 1956, and for approved school building projects for  
18 which the general construction contract was awarded but for

1 which a lease was not approved by the Department of [Public  
2 Instruction] Education prior to March 22, 1956, the Department  
3 of [Public Instruction] Education shall calculate an approved  
4 reimbursable rental or approved reimbursable sinking fund  
5 charges. Reimbursable sinking fund charges may include charges  
6 for temporary indebtedness within constitutional limitations, if  
7 the indebtedness is incurred for approved [permanent]  
8 improvements to the school plant including the cost of acquiring  
9 a suitable site for a school building, the cost of constructing  
10 a new school building, or the cost of providing needed additions  
11 or alterations to existing buildings for which no bond issue is  
12 provided and for which an approved obligation or obligations  
13 other than bonds have been issued and the obligation or  
14 obligations are payable within five (5) years from the date of  
15 issue of the obligation in equal annual installments. As used in  
16 this section, "building" shall include a permanent structure  
17 that contains or is attached to relocatable or modular  
18 classrooms. The term "relocatable or modular classroom" shall  
19 mean a classroom not of a permanent nature which meets the  
20 criteria and specifications of the Department of Education.

21 Approved reimbursable rental or sinking fund charge shall  
22 consist of that part of the annual rental or sinking fund charge  
23 attributable to--

24 (1) The cost of acquiring the land upon which the school  
25 buildings are situate, the cost of necessary rough grading to  
26 permit proper placement of the building upon said land and the  
27 cost of sewage treatment plants, as required by the Department  
28 of Health, to the extent that such costs are deemed reasonable  
29 by the Department of [Public Instruction] Education and the  
30 interest on such costs of acquisition, grading and sewage

1 treatment plants earned subsequent to date the construction  
2 contract is awarded, and

3 (2) The approved building construction cost and the interest  
4 on such construction cost.

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