

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**

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INTRODUCED BY ITKIN, GEISLER, CAPUTO, ROMANELLI, FLAHERTY,  
KERNICK, COWELL, RHODES AND M. M. MULLEN, FEBRUARY 4, 1975

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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," changing certain provisions relating  
6 to transportation of pupils.

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

9 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 2541, act of March 10,  
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949,"  
11 amended December 29, 1972 (P.L.1762, No.372), is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 2541. Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.--

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15 (c) Payments for pupil transportation on account of the  
16 school year 1972-1973 and every school year thereafter shall be  
17 made only in the following cases:

18 (1) To all school districts for the transportation to and  
19 from school of elementary school pupils, including kindergarten  
20 pupils, residing [one and one-half (1 1/2) miles] one (1) mile

1 or more by the nearest public highway from the school in which  
2 the pupils are enrolled and to which transportation is  
3 authorized under section 1361 of this act or residing in areas  
4 where there are no sidewalks and the road or traffic conditions  
5 are such that walking on the shoulder of the road constitutes a  
6 hazard to the safety of the child when so certified by the  
7 Bureau of Traffic Safety. Such elementary school pupils shall  
8 include nonresident children who are placed in the home of a  
9 resident, or who are residents of an orphanage, or home or  
10 children's home or other institution for the care and training  
11 of orphans or other children.

12 (2) To all school districts for the transportation to and  
13 from school of secondary school pupils residing [two (2)] one  
14 and one-half (1 1/2) miles or more by the nearest public highway  
15 from the school in which the pupils are enrolled and to which  
16 transportation is authorized under section 1361 of this act or  
17 residing in areas where there are no sidewalks and the road or  
18 traffic conditions are such that walking on the shoulder of the  
19 road constitutes a hazard to the safety of the child when so  
20 certified by the Bureau of Traffic Safety. Such secondary school  
21 pupils shall include nonresident children who are placed in the  
22 home of a resident, or who are inmates of an orphan asylum or  
23 home or children's home or other institution for the care and  
24 training of orphans or other children.

25 (3) To all school districts for pupils transported to and  
26 from approved consolidated schools or approved joint  
27 consolidated schools living [one and one-half (1 1/2) miles] one  
28 (1) mile or more from the school of attendance or residing in  
29 areas where there are no sidewalks and the road or traffic  
30 conditions are such that walking on the shoulder of the road

1 constitutes a hazard to the safety of the child when so  
2 certified by the Bureau of Traffic Safety.

3 Consolidated schools or joint consolidated schools shall so  
4 long as they are approved as to organization, control, location,  
5 equipment, courses of study, qualifications of teachers, methods  
6 of instruction, condition of admission, expenditures of money,  
7 methods and means of transportation and the contracts providing  
8 therefor, constitute approved consolidated schools or approved  
9 joint consolidated schools.

10 (4) To all school districts for the transportation of  
11 exceptional children regularly enrolled in special classes  
12 approved by the Department of Education or enrolled in a regular  
13 class in which approved educational provisions are made for  
14 them.

15 (5) To all school districts for pupils transported to and  
16 from area technical schools.

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