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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2375** Session of  
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PETRARCA AND CHESS, MARCH 18, 1980

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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," further providing for vehicle  
6 depreciation charges.

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

9 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 2541, act of March 10,  
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949,"  
11 amended November 20, 1979 (No.97), is amended to read:

12 Section 2541. Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.--  
13 (a) (1) School districts shall be paid by the Commonwealth for  
14 every school year on account of pupil transportation which, and  
15 the means and contracts providing for which, have been approved  
16 by the Department of Education, in the cases hereinafter  
17 enumerated, an amount to be determined by multiplying the cost  
18 of approved reimbursable pupil transportation incurred by the  
19 district by the district's aid ratio. In addition thereto, the

1 Commonwealth shall pay to each district qualifying a payment for  
2 excessive cost of transportation, said amount to be determined  
3 by subtracting from the cost of the approved reimbursable  
4 transportation the sum of the Commonwealth transportation  
5 payment immediately above, plus the product of one-half mill  
6 (0.0005) times the latest market value of the district as  
7 determined by the State Tax Equalization Board, provided such  
8 amount is not negative. In addition thereto, the Commonwealth  
9 shall pay to school districts which own their own vehicles, an  
10 annual depreciation charge of ten per centum (10%), to be  
11 calculated on the basis of the approved cost at which the  
12 district acquired the vehicle for which depreciation is claimed.  
13 With respect to vehicles purchased prior to January 1, 1956, the  
14 number of depreciation payments shall be limited to ten such  
15 payments. With respect to vehicles purchased on or after January  
16 1, 1956, the annual depreciation charge shall not exceed [seven  
17 hundred dollars (\$700)] one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such  
18 vehicles. The number of annual depreciation charges shall be  
19 limited, so that the total amount of such payments shall not  
20 exceed the cost of the vehicle as approved by the Department of  
21 Education at the time of the purchase. In no case shall the  
22 Commonwealth pay, in depreciation charges, more than [ten  
23 thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500)] fifteen thousand  
24 dollars (\$15,000) for any one vehicle.

25 (2) With respect to school districts that contract for  
26 transportation services, notwithstanding any provision of this  
27 title to the contrary, the Commonwealth shall pay an annual  
28 depreciation charge of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per vehicle  
29 to the school districts that contract for transportation  
30 services substantiated by the purchase invoice of the contracted

1 vehicle. These depreciation charges shall not be subject to the  
2 school district's aid ratio. The number of annual depreciation  
3 charges shall be limited so that the total amount of payments  
4 shall not exceed the total cost of the vehicle or fifteen  
5 thousand dollars (\$15,000), whichever is the lesser, so long as  
6 the contractor owns said vehicle. In no event shall such  
7 depreciation exceed the limits for district owned vehicles  
8 provided by this section. The depreciation charges paid to  
9 school districts for either district owned busses or busses  
10 operated under contract shall be subtracted from the basic  
11 allowance of the reimbursement formula in determining approved  
12 reimbursable transportation costs for the school district.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.