
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KOSINSKI, GALLAGHER, EVANS AND BURNS, MARCH 16,
1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 16, 1983

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 State payments
6 for pupil transportation costs.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2541(a) and (d) of the act of March 10,
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended November 20, 1979 (P.L.465, No.97), are amended to read:

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

13 (a) 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) for such vehicles. The number of annual
18 depreciation charges shall be limited, so that the total amount
19 of such payments shall not exceed the cost of the vehicle as
20 approved by the Department of Education at the time of the
21 purchase. In no case shall the Commonwealth pay, in depreciation
22 charges, more than ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500)
23 for any one vehicle] an amount not less than fifty per centum
24 (50%) of actual pupil transportation costs.

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26 (d) The Commonwealth shall reimburse the school districts
27 for the school year 1973-1974 and for each year thereafter for
28 the approved reimbursable costs incurred in providing
29 transportation under section 1361 for nonpublic school pupils
30 and under section 1362 for hazardous conditions: Provided,

1 however, That no district shall receive less than fifty percent
2 (50%) of such [approved reimbursable] actual costs.

3 Section 2. This act shall apply to the school year next
4 commencing at least six months from the date of final enactment.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.