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GALLAGHER, JANUARY 26, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 26, 1981

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 payments to school
6 districts to cover a portion of the costs to control or
7 eliminate the health problems posed by the presence of
8 asbestos in public schools.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
12 as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding a
13 section to read:

14 Section 2511.2. Payments for Programs to Eliminate Asbestos
15 in Public Schools.--(a) Each school district shall be entitled
16 to receive from the Department of Education payments to
17 reimburse them for fifty per centum (50%) of the costs incurred
18 in programs, approved by the Department of Education, to control
19 or eliminate the health problems posed by the presence of

1 asbestos in such schools. If the school district receives
2 Federal funds for this purpose the Commonwealth shall reimburse
3 the district for one-half of the costs incurred by the district
4 after subtracting the amount of Federal funds received from the
5 total cost of the program.

6 (b) The reimbursement of the approved costs shall be made to
7 a school district over a three-year period with equal payment in
8 each year. Such payments shall be made each year at the time the
9 final payments are made to the school districts in accordance
10 with section 2517.

11 (c) School districts shall be entitled to reimbursement for
12 said costs incurred on and after January 1, 1977 if such costs
13 are approved by the department. A school district shall have two
14 years from the effective date of this amendatory act to apply
15 for reimbursement.

16 (d) The Department of Environmental Resources shall be
17 responsible for inspection and verification of all programs for
18 which reimbursement is sought.

19 Section 2. The General Assembly shall appropriate to the
20 Department of Education and the Department of Environmental
21 Resources an amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
22 this act.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1981.