

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1528 Session of
1998

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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 school district
6 power to incur debt and limitations.

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

9 Section 1. Section 631 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended
11 December 6, 1972 (P.L.1445, No.323), is amended to read:

12 Section 631. Power to Incur Debt; Limitations.--The board of
13 school directors in any school district may, in any year, create
14 and incur an indebtedness of five million dollars (\$5,000,000)
15 or more against such school district and issue bonds to secure
16 the same only after the bond issue is submitted for approval by
17 the residents of the school district at the next regularly
18 scheduled election. The creation and incurrence of indebtedness
19 of less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) against such

1 school district, and the issuance of bonds to secure the same,
2 payable as provided by the act of July 12, 1972 (Act No.185),
3 known as the "Local Government Unit Debt Act," or any amendment
4 or re-enactment thereof, may be authorized without a referendum
5 vote for any or all of the following purposes:

6 (1) To purchase or acquire proper sites, buildings or
7 grounds for school use, or any lands additional to any existing
8 school sites or grounds;

9 (2) To erect, enlarge, equip or furnish any building for
10 school use;

11 (3) To repair, remodel or rebuild any building of the school
12 district;

13 (3.1) To lease for an extended period building facilities or
14 portions of buildings constructed for school use and/or existing
15 building facilities or portions of existing building facilities
16 altered for school use;

17 (4) To purchase school buses;

18 (5) To pay any indebtedness incurred by any municipality for
19 or on account of the school district or for school purposes, and
20 required by this act to be assumed by the school district;

21 (6) To pay any refund of taxes decreed by an order of court;

22 (7) To refund certain bonds, as hereinafter provided;

23 (8) To fund floating indebtedness incurred for current
24 expenses and debt service;

25 (9) To fund temporary indebtedness incurred for permanent
26 improvements, or in anticipation of proceeds from a bond issue;

27 (10) To purchase or acquire buildings for school use.

28 The indebtedness of any school district shall never exceed
29 fifteen (15) per centum of the last assessed valuation of
30 property taxable for school purposes therein.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.