

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 687 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, WONDERLING, KITCHEN,
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DINNIMAN, O'PAKE, VOGEL, PICCOLA AND BOSCOLA, MARCH 27, 2009

SENATOR PICCOLA, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, APRIL 21, 2009

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 facilities.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1722-A of the act of March 10, 1949
9 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
10 amended or added June 19, 1997 (P.L.225, No.22) and July 9, 2008
11 (P.L.846, No.61) and repealed in part July 4, 2004 (P.L.536,
12 No.70) is amended to read:

13 Section 1722-A. Facilities.--(a) A charter school may be
14 located in an existing public school building, in a part of an
15 existing public school building, in space provided on a
16 privately owned site, in a public building or in any other
17 suitable location.

18 (b) The charter school facility shall be exempt from public
19 school facility regulations except those pertaining to the

1 health or safety of the pupils.

2 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a
3 school district of the first class may, in its discretion,
4 permit a charter school to operate its school at more than one
5 location.

6 ~~(e) Charter schools shall be exempt from the payment of real~~ ←
7 ~~estate tax on realty owned by the charter school.~~

8 ~~(f) The owner of realty being leased to a charter school~~
9 ~~shall be exempt from the payment of real estate tax on the~~
10 ~~leased property.~~

11 (E) ALL SCHOOL PROPERTY OWNED BY ANY CHARTER SCHOOL OR CYBER ←
12 CHARTER SCHOOL OR LEASED TO A CHARTER SCHOOL OR CYBER CHARTER
13 SCHOOL, REAL AND PERSONAL, THAT IS OCCUPIED AND USED BY ANY
14 CHARTER SCHOOL OR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL,
15 RECREATION OR ANY OTHER PURPOSES PROVIDED FOR BY THIS ACT, SHALL
16 BE, AND HEREBY IS, MADE EXEMPT FROM EVERY KIND OF STATE, COUNTY,
17 CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP OR OTHER TAX, AS WELL AS FROM ALL COSTS
18 OR EXPENSES FOR PAVING, CURBING, SIDEWALKS, SEWERS OR OTHER
19 MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS: PROVIDED, THAT ANY CHARTER SCHOOL OR
20 CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL OR OWNER OF PROPERTY LEASED TO A CHARTER
21 SCHOOL OR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL MAY MAKE ANY MUNICIPAL
22 IMPROVEMENT IN ANY STREET ON WHICH ITS SCHOOL PROPERTY ABUTS OR
23 MAY CONTRIBUTE ANY SUM TOWARD THE COST THEREOF.

24 Section 2. The amendment of section 1722-A of the act shall
25 apply retroactively to the effective date of Article XVII-A.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.