

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 415 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, FONTANA, BROOKS, PENNYCUICK, MILLER,  
DILLON, KANE, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, SAVAL,  
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REFERRED TO EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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," in construction and renovation of  
6 buildings by school entities, further providing for  
7 maintenance program.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2604-J(f) and (g) of the act of March 10,  
11 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
12 are amended to read:

13 Section 2604-J. Maintenance program.

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15 (f) Limitation on grant award.--

16 (1) No grant award for a maintenance project may exceed  
17 ~~[\$1,000,000]~~ \$3,000,000.

18 (2) No school entity may receive an annual allocation of  
19 grants that exceeds 20% of the funds available under the  
20 program.

1 (g) Funding.--

2 (1) [The] Except as provided in paragraph (1.1), the  
3 program shall be funded from a set-aside equal to 25% of the  
4 appropriation for school building projects annually under  
5 this article.

6 (1.1) For fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-  
7 2026, any amount appropriated for school building projects  
8 shall be used exclusively for the program.

9 [(2) No less than 20% of the funds allocated to the  
10 program under paragraph (1) shall be awarded to projects that  
11 enhance school building safety and security.]

12 (3) In any fiscal year when funds are available for  
13 grants under the program as provided in paragraph (1), the  
14 department shall allocate 50% of the set-aside for grants by  
15 December 31 and the other 50% of the set-aside for grants not  
16 later than June 30 of that fiscal year.

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18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.