

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MOWERY, EARLL, THOMPSON, SCHWARTZ, TOMLINSON,
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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 payments on
6 account of pupil transportation.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2541(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended November 20, 1979 (P.L.465, No.97), is 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 determining the cost of

1 approved reimbursable transportation, the Secretary of Education
2 may prescribe the methods of determining approved mileages and
3 the utilized passenger capacity of vehicles for reimbursement
4 purposes. In addition thereto, the Commonwealth shall pay to
5 each district qualifying a payment for excessive cost of
6 transportation, said amount to be determined by subtracting from
7 the cost of the approved reimbursable transportation the sum of
8 the Commonwealth transportation payment immediately above, plus
9 the product of one-half mill (0.0005) times the latest market
10 value of the district as determined by the State Tax
11 Equalization Board, provided such amount is not negative. In
12 addition thereto, the Commonwealth shall pay to school districts
13 which own their own vehicles, an annual depreciation charge of
14 ten per centum (10%), to be calculated on the basis of the
15 approved cost at which the district acquired the vehicle for
16 which depreciation is claimed. With respect to vehicles
17 purchased prior to January 1, 1956, the number of depreciation
18 payments shall be limited to ten such payments. With respect to
19 vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 1956, the annual
20 depreciation charge shall not exceed seven hundred dollars
21 (\$700) for such vehicles. The number of annual depreciation
22 charges shall be limited, so that the total amount of such
23 payments shall not exceed the cost of the vehicle as approved by
24 the Department of Education at the time of the purchase. In no
25 case shall the Commonwealth pay, in depreciation charges, more
26 than ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) for any one
27 vehicle.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.