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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2394** Session of  
1976

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INTRODUCED BY REED, GIAMMARCO, M. E. MILLER JR., HEPFORD AND  
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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," providing for full payment to school  
6 districts for the cost of pupil transportation.

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

9 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 2541, act of March 10,  
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949,"  
11 amended December 29, 1972 (P.L.1726, No.372), is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 2541. Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.--  
14 (a) School districts shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every  
15 school year on account of pupil transportation which, and the  
16 means and contracts providing for which, have been approved by  
17 the Department of Education, in the cases hereinafter  
18 enumerated, an amount [to be determined by multiplying the cost  
19 of approved reimbursable pupil transportation incurred by the  
20 district by the district's aid ratio. In addition thereto, the

1 Commonwealth shall pay to each district qualifying a payment for  
2 excessive cost of transportation, said amount to be determined  
3 by subtracting from the cost of the approved reimbursable  
4 transportation the sum of the Commonwealth transportation  
5 payment immediately above, plus the product of one-half mill  
6 (0.0005) times the latest market value of the district as  
7 determined by the State Tax Equalization Board, provided such  
8 amount is not negative. In addition thereto, the Commonwealth  
9 shall pay to school districts which own their own vehicles, an  
10 annual depreciation charge of ten per centum (10%), to be  
11 calculated on the basis of the approved cost at which the  
12 district acquired the vehicle for which depreciation is claimed.  
13 With respect to vehicles purchased prior to January 1, 1956, the  
14 number of depreciation payments shall be limited to ten such  
15 payments. With respect to vehicles purchased on or after January  
16 1, 1956, the annual depreciation charge shall not exceed seven  
17 hundred dollars (\$700) for such vehicles. The number of annual  
18 depreciation charges shall be limited, so that the total amount  
19 of such payments shall not exceed the cost of the vehicle as  
20 approved by the Department of Education at the time of the  
21 purchase. In no case shall the Commonwealth pay, in depreciation  
22 charges, more than ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500)  
23 for any one vehicle.] equal to the full costs of pupil  
24 transportation as required by this act. Such transportation  
25 costs shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of  
26 acquiring buses or other such vehicles, all of which shall be  
27 owned and operated by the school districts applying for funds  
28 under this section. The costs payable by the Commonwealth shall  
29 not include the costs for personnel required for such  
30 transportation.

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2       Section 2.   This act shall take effect immediately.