

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALEY, FLECK,
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SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

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 State reimbursement for
6 mobile classroom facilities; and making editorial changes.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2574(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended September 29, 1959 (P.L.992, No.407), is amended to
12 read:

13 Section 2574. Approved Reimbursable Rental for Leases
14 Hereafter Approved and Approved Reimbursable Sinking Fund
15 Charges on Indebtedness.--(a) For school building projects for
16 which the general construction contract is awarded subsequent to
17 March 22, 1956, and for approved school building projects for
18 which the general construction contract was awarded but for

1 which a lease was not approved by the Department of [Public
2 Instruction] Education prior to March 22, 1956, the Department
3 of [Public Instruction] Education shall calculate an approved
4 reimbursable rental or approved reimbursable sinking fund
5 charges. Reimbursable sinking fund charges may include charges
6 for temporary indebtedness within constitutional limitations, if
7 the indebtedness is incurred for approved [permanent]
8 improvements to the school plant including the cost of acquiring
9 a suitable site for a school building, the cost of constructing
10 a new school building, or the cost of providing needed additions
11 or alterations to existing buildings for which no bond issue is
12 provided and for which an approved obligation or obligations
13 other than bonds have been issued and the obligation or
14 obligations are payable within five (5) years from the date of
15 issue of the obligation in equal annual installments. As used in
16 this section, "building" shall include a permanent structure
17 that contains or is attached to relocatable or modular
18 classrooms. The term "relocatable or modular classroom" shall
19 mean a classroom not of a permanent nature which meets the
20 criteria and specifications of the Department of Education.

21 Approved reimbursable rental or sinking fund charge shall
22 consist of that part of the annual rental or sinking fund charge
23 attributable to--

24 (1) The cost of acquiring the land upon which the school
25 buildings are situate, the cost of necessary rough grading to
26 permit proper placement of the building upon said land and the
27 cost of sewage treatment plants, as required by the Department
28 of Health, to the extent that such costs are deemed reasonable
29 by the Department of [Public Instruction] Education and the
30 interest on such costs of acquisition, grading and sewage

1 treatment plants earned subsequent to date the construction
2 contract is awarded, and

3 (2) The approved building construction cost and the interest
4 on such construction cost.

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