

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 637 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, BAKER, BLOOM, CALTAGIRONE, CUTLER, DUNBAR, DUSH, FEE, GREINER, GROVE, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, LAWRENCE, MACKENZIE, MAJOR, MARSICO, MENTZER, MILLARD, MOUL, PICKETT, SACCONI, SAYLOR, TALLMAN, TOPPER AND ZIMMERMAN, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

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 grounds and buildings, further
 6 providing for acquisition of buildings, sites for school
 7 buildings and playgrounds and disposing thereof.

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

10 Section 1. Section 703 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
 11 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended June
 12 30, 2011 (P.L.112, No.24), is amended to read:

13 Section 703. Acquisition of Buildings, Sites for School
 14 Buildings and Playgrounds, and Disposing Thereof.--(a) In order
 15 to comply with the provisions of this act, and subject to the
 16 conditions thereof, the board of school directors of each
 17 district is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority
 18 to acquire, in the name of the district, by purchase, lease,
 19 gift, devise, agreement, condemnation, or otherwise, any and all

1 schools and real estate, either vacant or occupied, including
2 lands theretofore occupied by streets and alleys which have been
3 vacated by municipal authorities, and to acquire by purchase,
4 lease, gift or devise, other buildings approved for school use
5 by the Department of Education as the board of school directors
6 may deem necessary to furnish school buildings or other suitable
7 sites for proper school purposes for said district or to enlarge
8 the grounds of any school property held by such district, and to
9 sell, convey, transfer, dispose of, or abandon the same, or any
10 part thereof, as the board of school directors may determine.
11 Approval of the Department of Education shall not be required
12 for school buildings and playgrounds on any school construction
13 project for which State reimbursement is not requested.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this act or any other
15 provisions of law:

16 (1) If a school district does not request State
17 reimbursement for a school construction project, the school
18 district shall not be required to comply with the provisions of
19 the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the
20 "Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act."

21 (2) If a board of school directors elects not to comply with
22 the provisions of the "Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act" under
23 this subsection, the board of school directors shall provide the
24 Department of Education with notice in a form prescribed by the
25 Department of Education.

26 (3) The Department of Education may not impose any
27 requirements on a board of school directors under this
28 subsection other than prescribing the form in which the notice
29 shall be provided.

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