

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 258 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, BOBACK, PYLE, RYAN, STAATS, DIAMOND,
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B. MILLER, MOUL, M. MACKENZIE AND EMRICK, JANUARY 26, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 26, 2021

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 school finances, providing for
6 reduction of school district debt.

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

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 641. Reduction of School District Debt.--(a) A
13 school district that received funds for a construction project
14 approved by the Department of Education under Article XVII-E.2
15 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as "The
16 Fiscal Code," before the effective date of this section, shall
17 reduce any debt incurred by the school district in an amount
18 equal to the funds received by the school district.

19 (b) A school district that receives funds for a construction

1 project approved by the Department of Education under Article
2 XVII-E.2 of "The Fiscal Code" after the effective date of this
3 section shall use the funds to reduce any debt incurred by the
4 school district to pay for the construction project.

5 (c) A school district shall reduce the school district's
6 millage rate as the school district reduces the debt incurred
7 for the project as required under this section. As used in this
8 subsection, the term "project" shall have the meaning given to
9 it in 64 Pa.C.S. § 1504 (relating to definitions) or any project
10 of a school district that is eligible for reimbursement by the
11 Commonwealth as required under subarticle (f) of Article XXV for
12 approved rental or sinking fund charges.

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