

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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," in reimbursements by Commonwealth and  
6 between school districts, further providing for payments on  
7 account of pupil transportation.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2541(a) of the act of March 10, 1949  
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
12 amended to read:

13 Section 2541. Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.--

14 (a) School districts shall be paid by the Commonwealth for  
15 every school year on account of pupil transportation, including  
16 school crossing guard services, which, and the means and  
17 contracts providing for which, have been approved by the  
18 Department of Education, in the cases hereinafter enumerated, an  
19 amount to be determined by multiplying the cost of approved  
20 reimbursable pupil transportation incurred by the district by

1 the district's aid ratio. In determining the formula for the  
2 cost of approved reimbursable transportation, the Secretary of  
3 Education may prescribe the methods of determining approved  
4 mileages and the utilized passenger capacity of vehicles for  
5 reimbursement purposes. For the school year 1998-1999 and each  
6 school year thereafter, any school entity which contracts with  
7 one or more school entities to provide pupil transportation  
8 services shall be reimbursed in accordance with the formula  
9 specified by the Department of Education for district-owned  
10 vehicles. In addition thereto, the Commonwealth shall pay to  
11 each district qualifying a payment for excessive cost of  
12 transportation, said amount to be determined by subtracting from  
13 the cost of the approved reimbursable transportation the sum of  
14 the Commonwealth transportation payment immediately above, plus  
15 the product of one-half mill (0.0005) times the latest market  
16 value of the district as determined by the State Tax  
17 Equalization Board, provided such amount is not negative. In  
18 addition thereto, the Commonwealth shall pay to school districts  
19 which own their own vehicles, an annual depreciation charge of  
20 ten per centum (10%), to be calculated on the basis of the  
21 approved cost at which the district acquired the vehicle for  
22 which depreciation is claimed. With respect to vehicles  
23 purchased prior to January 1, 1956, the number of depreciation  
24 payments shall be limited to ten such payments. With respect to  
25 vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 1956, the annual  
26 depreciation charge shall not exceed seven hundred dollars  
27 (\$700) for such vehicles. The number of annual depreciation  
28 charges shall be limited, so that the total amount of such  
29 payments shall not exceed the cost of the vehicle as approved by  
30 the Department of Education at the time of the purchase. In no

1 case shall the Commonwealth pay, in depreciation charges, more  
2 than ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) for any one  
3 vehicle.

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