

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 7, 2023

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 construction and renovation of
 6 buildings by school entities, further providing for
 7 maintenance program.

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

10 Section 1. Section 2604-J(e), (f) and (g) of the act of
 11 March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code
 12 of 1949, are amended to read:

13 Section 2604-J. Maintenance program.

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15 (e) Local match required.--

16 (1) [A] For each grant awarded, a school entity shall
 17 provide a [50% match for each grant awarded.] local match
 18 equal to the lessor of:

19 (i) The amount calculated as follows:

1 (A) Subtract the school entity's market
2 value/income aid ratio as defined in section
3 2501(14.1) from one.

4 (B) Multiply the difference in clause (A) by the
5 total cost of the maintenance project.

6 (ii) The amount specified in subsection (f)(1).

7 (2) No matching funds shall be required for a project
8 that is determined by the secretary to be an emergency.

9 (f) Limitation on grant award.--

10 (1) No grant award for a maintenance project may exceed
11 ~~[\$1,000,000]~~ \$3,000,000.

12 (2) No school entity may receive an annual allocation of
13 grants that exceeds 20% of the funds available under the
14 program.

15 (g) Funding.--

16 (1) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in paragraph (1.1), the
17 program shall be funded from a set-aside equal to 25% of the
18 appropriation for school building projects annually under
19 this article.

20 (1.1) For fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-
21 2026, any amount appropriated for school building projects
22 shall be used exclusively for the program.

23 ~~[(2) No less than 20% of the funds allocated to the~~
24 ~~program under paragraph (1) shall be awarded to projects that~~
25 ~~enhance school building safety and security.]~~

26 (3) In any fiscal year when funds are available for
27 grants under the program as provided in paragraph (1), the
28 department shall allocate 50% of the set-aside for grants by
29 December 31 and the other 50% of the set-aside for grants not
30 later than June 30 of that fiscal year.

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.