

fiscal year, except in districts of the second class where the fiscal year begins on the first day of January, in which the school taxes shall be levied and assessed during the month of October or November of each year. In school districts of the second class the tax rate shall not exceed twenty mills on the dollar, and in school districts of the third and fourth class shall not exceed twenty-five mills on the dollar, on the total amount of the assessed valuation of all property taxable for school purposes therein. Each school district of the second, third or fourth class may also collect a per capita tax on each resident or inhabitant of such district, over twenty-one years of age, as herein provided.

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APPROVED—The 14th day of February, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 333

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by requiring the payment of money withheld from State appropriations to pay default in rent to a municipality authority or nonprofit corporation.

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

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section seven hundred ninety of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," as amended by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1471), is hereby further amended by adding, immediately following subsection (6), a new subsection to read as follows:

Section 790, act
of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
amended August
26, 1953, P. L.
1471, further
amended by
adding a new
subsection (7).

Section 790. Grants, Conveyances, Appropriations to, Contracts with, and Leases from, Municipality Authorities.—Whenever the board of any municipality authority shall have undertaken a school project or projects for use by a school district individually or for use by two or more school districts jointly, such school

district or school districts shall have the power, upon written approval of the Department of Public Instruction:

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(7) *In all cases where the board of directors of any school district fails to pay or to provide for the payment of any rental or rentals due any municipality authority or nonprofit corporation for any period in accordance with the terms of any lease entered into under the provisions of this section, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall notify such board of school directors of its obligation, and shall withhold out of any State appropriation due such school district an amount equal to the amount of rental or rentals owing by such school to the municipality authority or nonprofit corporation, and shall pay over the amount so withheld to the municipality authority or nonprofit corporation in payment of the rental.*

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 14th day of February, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 334

AN ACT

Validating and confirming certain contracts heretofore entered into by municipality authorities for the construction of a school building project or projects and for relevant service contracts as a part of the construction when there is no evidence of fraud or conspiracy, and authorizing or ratifying payments on such contracts or parts of contracts by the municipality authority upon approval thereof by the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Justice.

Validating certain purchases under provision of Municipality Authorities Act or ratifying payment made therefor.

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

Section 1. When any municipality authority has heretofore contracted for labor, material, supplies and relevant service contracts for the municipality authority for the construction of a school building project or projects, the purchase or contracting of which by contract is authorized under the provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act, and the municipality authority has actually received the labor, material, supplies and relevant service contracts and they are or have been used by the municipality authority for the school project, if the contract or service contract does not evidence any fraud or conspiracy to violate the provisions of the