

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

Municipality Authorities Act and the municipality authority has not suffered any pecuniary loss as the result of the contract or service contract, then such contracts shall be valid and binding on the municipality authorities and payment for labor, material, supplies and relevant service contracts by the municipality authority is hereby authorized, or if payment has been made, it is hereby ratified, notwithstanding the fact that the contract was legally void by reason of the failure to advertise for bids or by reason of defect in the advertising, or by reason of any other defect in compliance with or in the failure or omission to comply with the Municipality Authorities Act regulating the awarding of contracts for labor, material, supplies and service contracts: Provided, however, That no such contract shall be valid and binding or ratified, unless approved by the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Justice: And provided, further, That the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Justice may approve all or any part of such contract or service contracts. No member of the municipality authority shall be surcharged for any payment made on any such contract.

Approvals required.

No surcharge.

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

Act effective immediately.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 335

AN ACT

Declaring the public interest in certain historic sites and buildings and providing for certificates and markers.

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

Section 1. All the historic sites and buildings listed in the Report of the Joint State Government Commission of March, 1949, entitled "Catalog of Historical Buildings, Sites and Remains in Pennsylvania," and any other historic sites and buildings which may be designated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, are hereby declared to be of significance and value to the history of this Commonwealth and their protection and preservation are hereby declared to be a matter of public interest.

Preservation of historic sites and buildings to be a matter of public interest.

Section 2. In designating historic sites and buildings not contained in the "Catalog of Historical Buildings, Sites and Remains in Pennsylvania," the Pennsylvania

Commission to be guided by certain standards.