

No. 561

## AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, 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," changing the value of scholarships.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section one thousand six hundred twelve, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read:

Section 1612, act  
of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended.

Section 1612. State Scholarships for Pupils of Secondary Schools.—For the purpose of assisting worthy young men and women graduates of secondary schools of the State to obtain higher education, the State will award competitive scholarships of the value of [one hundred dollars (\$100)] *two hundred dollars (\$200)* per year for four years to enable selected students to attend any institution in the State of Pennsylvania approved by the State Council of Education.

Appointments to such scholarships shall be made by the State Council of Education. The persons entitled to such appointments shall be determined by competitive examinations to be conducted under the supervision of the State Council of Education. Due notice of any examinations to be held under the provisions of this section shall be given in such manner as the State Council of Education may prescribe.

One scholarship shall be awarded to each county. In any county where there is more than one entire senatorial district, one scholarship shall be awarded for each entire senatorial district.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1956.

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and changing the laws relating thereto," changing standards for approval by the Department of Public Instruction of leases and sinking fund charges entered into or incurred by school districts of the first class, first class A and second class.

Public School  
Code of 1949.

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

Subsection (a),  
section 2576, act  
of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
added March 22,  
1956, Act No.  
417, further  
amended.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section two thousand five hundred seventy-six of the act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added March twenty-two, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six (Act No. 417), is amended to read:

Section 2576. Approval of Department of Public Instruction.—(a) No payment shall be made to any school district on account of any lease entered into with the State Public School Building Authority or any municipality authority or nonprofit corporation or on account of sinking fund charges on indebtedness for school buildings unless such lease or sinking fund charge is approved by the Department of Public Instruction. Except as hereinafter provided, the Department of Public Instruction may give its approval to any lease heretofore or hereafter entered into and to any payments on account of sinking fund charges on indebtedness for school buildings if it shall find *in the case of all school districts, except school districts of the first class, first class A and second class which are not part of a county-wide plan*, that the leased project or the project for which the indebtedness is incurred, is in conformance with county-wide plans prepared by the county board of school directors and approved by the State Council of Education for the orderly development of improved attendance areas and administrative units and for the improved housing of public schools in the Commonwealth, *and in the case of all school districts*, that the school building will conform with standards and regulations prescribed by the department with respect to educational and architectural design, building materials, fixtures and equipment, location, usefulness for community activities, safety, comfort and convenience, and that the school district or school districts which incur the indebtedness or to which the project is to be leased will have the ability to meet from current revenues the rental or sinking fund charge or their respective shares of rental or sinking fund charge and to defray the cost of their respective shares of the cost of operation and maintenance of the project.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1956.

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