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1992 School Facilities Bond Act

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**1992 SCHOOL FACILITIES BOND ACT**

- This act provides for a bond issue of nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000) to provide capital outlay for construction or improvement of public schools.
- Appropriates money from state General Fund to pay off bonds.

## Proposition 155: Text of Proposed Law

This law proposed by Senate Bill 34 (Statutes of 1992, Chapter 117) is submitted to the people in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI of the Constitution.

This proposed law adds sections to the Education Code; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

### PROPOSED LAW

SEC. 1.7. Chapter 21.25 (commencing with Section 17645) is added to Part 10 of the Education Code, to read:

#### CHAPTER 21.25. 1992 SCHOOL FACILITIES BOND ACT

##### Article 1. General Provisions

17645. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 1992 School Facilities Bond Act.

17645.10. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Committee" means the State School Building Finance Committee created pursuant to Section 15909.

(b) "Fund" means the State School Building Lease-Purchase Fund.

##### Article 2. Program Provisions

17645.15. The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the fund.

17645.20. (a) All moneys deposited in the fund shall be available to provide aid to school districts of the state in accordance with the Leroy F. Greene State School Building Lease-Purchase Law of 1976 (Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 17700)), and of all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, to provide aid to school districts of the state in accordance with Section 17645.30, to provide funds to repay any money advanced or loaned to the State School Building Lease-Purchase Fund under any act of the Legislature, together with interest provided for in that act, and to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the Government Code.

(b) As to any project that is funded, in whole or in part, from the proceeds of bonds to be expended under this chapter for the purposes of Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 17700), the state's portion of land costs paid from the proceeds of bonds authorized under this chapter shall not exceed two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) per acre, per project.

17645.30. Of the proceeds from the sale of bonds pursuant to this chapter, not more than two hundred seventy million dollars (\$270,000,000) may be used for one or more of the following purposes:

(a) Project funding for applicant districts under Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 17700) that are eligible for that funding, but that lack funding priority due to the size of pupil enrollment in the district.

(b) The identification, assessment, or abatement of hazardous asbestos in school facilities, pursuant to either Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 17700) or Section 39619.6.

(c) The acquisition of portable classrooms for use in accordance with Chapter 25 (commencing with Section 17785).

(d) The reconstruction or modernization of facilities pursuant to Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 17700). Notwithstanding Section 17721.3, the State Allocation Board may allocate funding pursuant to this subdivision for the reconstruction or modernization of an existing structure in an amount that exceeds 25 percent of the replacement cost of that structure in order to finance structural improvements needed to avert future earthquake damage.

(e) The purchase and installation of air-conditioning equipment and insulation materials, and related costs, pursuant to Section 42250.1 for schools operated on a year-round multitrack schedule in a manner that increases school capacity and reduces or eliminates the school district's need for the construction of additional classroom space.

##### Article 3. Fiscal Provisions

17645.40. Bonds in the total amount of nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000), exclusive of refunding bonds, or so much thereof as is necessary, may be issued and sold to provide a fund to be used for carrying out the purposes expressed in this chapter and to be used to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the Government Code. The bonds, when sold, shall be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of both principal of, and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become due and payable.

17645.44. The State School Building Finance Committee, created by Section 15909 and composed of the Governor, Controller, Treasurer, Director of Finance, and the Director of Education, or their designated representatives, all of whom shall serve thereon without compensation, and a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, is continued in existence for the purpose of this chapter. The Treasurer shall be designated to chair the committee. Two Members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and two Members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, shall meet and advise with the committee to the extent that the advisory participation is not incompatible with their respective positions as Members of the Legislature. For the purposes of this chapter, the Members of the Legislature shall constitute an interim investigating committee on the subject of this chapter and as that committee shall have the

powers and duties imposed upon those committees by the Joint Rules of the Senate and the Assembly. The Director of Finance shall provide the assistance to the committee as it may require. The Attorney General of the state shall be the legal adviser of the committee.

17645.45. (a) The bonds authorized by this chapter shall be prepared, executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), and all of the provisions of that law apply to the bonds and to this chapter and are hereby incorporated in this chapter as though set forth in full in this chapter.

(b) For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law, the State Allocation Board is designated the "board."

17645.50. Upon request of the board from time to time, supported by a statement of the apportionments made and to be made for the purposes described in Section 17645.20, the committee shall determine whether or not it is necessary or desirable to issue bonds authorized pursuant to this chapter in order to fund the apportionments and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to fund those apportionments progressively, and it is not necessary that all of the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

17645.55. There shall be collected each year and in the same manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected, in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds each year, and it is the duty of all officers charged by law with any duty in regard to the collection of the revenue to do and perform each and every act which is necessary to collect that additional sum.

17645.60. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund in the State Treasury, for the purposes of this chapter, an amount that will equal the total of the following:

(a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter, as the principal and interest become due and payable.

(b) The sum which is necessary to carry out the provisions of Section 17645.70, appropriated without regard to fiscal years.

17645.63. The board may request the Pooled Money Investment Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account, in accordance with Section 16312 of the Government Code, for the purposes of carrying out this chapter. The amount of the request shall not exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that the committee has, by resolution, authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. The board shall execute those documents required by the Pooled Money Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any amounts loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated by the board in accordance with this chapter.

17645.65. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or of the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), if the Treasurer sells bonds that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes subject to designated conditions, the Treasurer may maintain separate accounts for the bond proceeds invested and for the investment earnings on those proceeds, and may use or direct the use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or other payment required under federal law or take any other action with respect to the investment and use of those bond proceeds that is required or desirable under federal law in order to maintain the tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other advantage under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

17645.70. For the purposes of carrying out this chapter, the Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General Fund of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds which have been authorized by the committee to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. Any amounts withdrawn shall be deposited in the fund. Any money made available under this section shall be returned to the General Fund, plus an amount equal to the interest the money would have earned in the Pooled Money Investment Account, from proceeds received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of carrying out this chapter.

17645.75. All money deposited in the fund that is derived from premium and accrued interest on bonds sold shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond interest.

17645.80. The bonds may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, which is a part of the State General Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the electors of the state for the issuance of the bonds described in this chapter shall include approval of the issuance of any bonds issued to refund any bonds originally issued under this chapter or any previously issued refunding bonds.

17645.85. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that, inasmuch as the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this chapter are not "proceeds of taxes" as that term is used in Article XIII B of the California Constitution, the disbursement of these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that article.