

10 publication as provided in paragraph one (1) of this section. The remaining
11 sections of this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1976.

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CHAPTER 1155

SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS

H. F. 467

AN ACT relating to approval of plans for constructing school buildings.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred ninety-seven point seven (297.7), subsection
2 one (1), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 1. The provisions of sections 23.2 and 23.18 shall be applicable to the
4 construction or repair of school buildings. Before ~~erecting~~ *constructing* any school
5 building at a cost of more than five thousand dollars, the board of directors shall
6 consult with the building consultant in the department of public instruction as to
7 the most approved plan for such building, *and the building consultant shall return*
8 *the plan together with any recommendations to the board of directors within thirty*
9 *days following the receipt of the plan.*

Approved May 13, 1976

CHAPTER 1156

SCHOOLHOUSE SITES

S. F. 74

AN ACT relating to the use of tax money for purchase and improvement of schoolhouse sites.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred ninety-seven point five (297.5), Code 1975, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **297.5 Tax.** The directors in any high school district maintaining a program
4 kindergarten through grade twelve ~~and having a total enrollment of six hundred~~
5 ~~or more may, at their regular meeting in July, or at a special meeting called for~~
6 ~~that purpose between the time designated for such regular meeting and the third~~
7 ~~Monday in August, by February first of each year~~ certify an amount not exceeding
8 twenty-seven cents per thousand dollars of assessed value to the board of
9 supervisors, who shall levy the amount so certified, and the tax so levied shall be
10 placed in the schoolhouse fund and used only for the purchase *and improvement*
11 of sites in and for said school district *as specified by the directors.*

12 For the purpose of this section, "improvement of sites" includes: grading,
 13 landscaping, seeding and planting of shrubs and trees; constructing new sidewalks,
 14 roadways, retaining walls, sewers and storm drains, and installing hydrants; original
 15 surfacing and soil treatment of athletic fields and tennis courts; furnishing and
 16 installing for the first time, flagpoles, gateways, fences and underground storage tanks
 17 which are not parts of building service systems; demolition work; and special
 18 assessments against the school district for capital improvements such as streets, curbs,
 19 and drains.

20 For the purpose of this section, "purchase of sites" includes legal costs relating to
 21 the site acquisition, costs of surveys of the sites, costs of relocation assistance under
 22 state and federal law, and other costs incidental to the site acquisition.

1 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section two hundred ninety-one
 2 point thirteen (291.13) of the Code, unencumbered funds collected from the levy
 3 authorized in section two hundred ninety-seven point five (297.5) of the Code
 4 prior to July 1, 1976 may be expended for the purposes listed in section one (1) of
 5 this Act.

Approved February 17, 1976

CHAPTER 1157

TRUANTS

H. F. 1162

AN ACT to provide that children may not be prosecuted as criminals under the compulsory education provisions of the Code, and to provide that truants may not be committed to the state training school for boys or the state training school for girls.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred ninety-nine point eleven (299.11),
 2 unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 The truancy officer shall promptly institute criminal proceedings against any
 4 person violating any of the provisions of ~~the truancy law~~ sections two hundred
 5 ninety-nine point one (299.1) through two hundred ninety-nine point five (299.5) of the
 6 Code.

1 SEC. 2. Section two hundred ninety-nine point thirteen (299.13), Code 1975, is
 2 amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 **299.13** If the child is placed in a school other than a public school and does not
 4 maintain proper conduct, the board may cause the child's removal to an
 5 appropriate school or class. If a child placed in a public school fails to attend or
 6 to maintain proper conduct, the board may place that child in an appropriate
 7 school or class.

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