

## CHAPTER 108.

[ S. B. 376. ]

## STATE ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to state assistance to school districts; prescribing conditions; and amending section 3, chapter 278, Laws of 1947.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 278, Laws of 1947 (sec. 4940-14, Rem. Supp. 1947), is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 3. The amount of state assistance to a school district in financing a school plant project shall be determined in the following manner: Determina-  
tion of  
amount of  
state  
assistance.

(1) The Board of Directors of the district shall determine the total cost of the proposed project, which cost may include the cost of acquiring and preparing the site, the cost of constructing the building or of acquiring a building and preparing the same for school use, the cost of necessary equipment, taxes chargeable to the project, necessary architect's fees, and a reasonable amount for contingencies and for other necessary incidental expenses: *Provided*, That the total cost of the project shall be subject to review and approval by the State Board of Education. Board to  
ascertain  
project costs.  
  
Items of cost  
  
Review by  
State Board.

(2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall (a) ascertain the assessed valuation of the district adjusted to fifty per centum (50%) of the true and fair value in money of the taxable property in the district in accordance with the ratio of assessed valuation to actual valuation fixed by the State Board of Equalization for the county to which the district belongs; and (b) compute the ratio of the aforesaid assessed valuation of the district to the number of educational units approved for allotment to the district of current state school funds: *Provided*, That this number of units may be increased Computa-  
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by the aforesaid officer for the use thereof specified in this act upon the finding by said officer that completion of the proposed project will provide facilities for additional units and that such additional units will be needed to serve the school population of the district: *Provided further*, That in the case of union high school districts the number of units shall include those of the member grade school districts in addition to the actual number of units in the union high school.

Union high school districts.

Percentage of state assistance.

(3) The ratio of the assessed valuation of the district to the number of educational units thereof, computed in the manner hereinabove provided for, shall then be used in determining the percentage of state assistance for the district in accordance with the following table:

<i>Ratio of Assessed Valuation to Number of Educational Units</i>	<i>Percentage of State Assistance</i>
\$28,570 or less to 1.....	75.0%
\$30,000 to 1.....	73.9
\$35,000 to 1.....	70.2
\$40,000 to 1.....	66.7
\$45,000 to 1.....	63.3
\$50,000 to 1.....	60.0
\$55,000 to 1.....	56.9
\$60,000 to 1.....	53.8
\$65,000 to 1.....	50.9
\$70,000 to 1.....	48.1
\$75,000 to 1.....	45.5
\$80,000 to 1.....	42.9
\$85,000 to 1.....	40.4
\$90,000 to 1.....	37.9
\$95,000 to 1.....	35.6
\$100,000 to 1.....	33.3
\$105,000 to 1.....	31.1
\$110,000 to 1.....	29.0
\$115,000 to 1.....	27.0
\$120,000 or over to 1.....	25.0

Amount of state assistance.

(4) The approved cost of the project determined in the manner herein prescribed times the percentage of state assistance derived as provided for herein shall be the amount of state assistance to the dis-

trict for the financing of the project: *Provided*, That need therefor has been established to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction acting in accordance with the provisions of section 4: *Provided further*, That additional state assistance may be allowed if it is found by the Superintendent of Public Instruction that such assistance is necessary in order to meet (a) a school housing emergency resulting from the destruction of a school building by fire, the condemnation of a school building by properly constituted authorities, a sudden and excessive past or clearly foreseeable future increase in school population, and other conditions similarly emergent in nature; or (b) a special school housing burden imposed by virtue of the admission of non-resident students into parental schools or into educational programs established, maintained and operated in conformity with the requirements of Chapter 115, Laws of 1945; or (c) a deficiency in the capital funds of the district resulting from financing, subsequent to the effective date of Chapter 278, Laws of 1947, and without benefit of the state assistance provided for therein, the construction of a needed school building project or projects approved in conformity with the requirements of the aforesaid Chapter 278, after having first applied for and been denied state assistance because of the inadequacy of state funds available for the purpose; or (d) conditions similar to those defined under (a), (b) and (c) hereinabove, creating a like emergency.

Need  
must be  
established.

Additional  
assistance  
may be  
allowed  
under stated  
conditions.

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Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.