

Chap. 793. AN ACT INCREASING STATE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN WHICH AT LEAST SIXTY PER CENT OF ALL THE MEMBER CITIES AND TOWNS ARE IN DEPRESSED OR REDEVELOPMENT AREAS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 9 of chapter 645 of the acts of 1948 is hereby amended by striking out clause (b), as most recently amended by chapter 904 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—

(b) The total construction grant for any approved school project in any regional school district shall be one third of the product of the final approved cost of the project multiplied by the equalized valuation per pupil in net average membership for the entire commonwealth divided by the total equalized valuation per pupil in the total net average membership of the towns comprising such district; provided, however, that no grant shall be approved for any amount less than forty per cent or more than sixty-five per cent of such approved cost; and provided, further, that regional school districts in which at least sixty per cent of all the member municipalities are designated as depressed or redevelopment areas or which have substantial or persistent unemployment shall be eligible for maximum state aid from the school building assistance commission for new construction. For the purpose of this clause a depressed area shall be considered as cities and towns which are designated as Group D, E or F, in "Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment" published by the United States Department of Labor or which are listed in said publication as areas which have substantial or persistent unemployment, and that the basis for the eligibility of a regional school district for maximum state aid for new school construction for any buildings initiated thereafter shall be the October-November issue of "Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment" by the United States Department of Labor in the year in which, or the year preceding, said regional school districts request such assistance; and a redevelopment area shall be considered as such cities and towns listed in a redevelopment area and designated in accordance with section 401 (a) (4) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3161).

Approved August 26, 1970.

Chap. 794. AN ACT MAKING CREDIT BUREAUS LIABLE FOR GROSS NEGLIGENCE IN FURNISHING ERRONEOUS OR PROHIBITED INFORMATION TO CERTAIN PERSONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 93 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 46 the following section:—

Section 46A. A credit bureau shall be liable in damages for gross negligence in furnishing to a credit grantor, employer or prospective employer erroneous credit information or information prohibited to be reported under the provisions of section forty-six, whether said information is furnished orally or in writing.

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