

Laws Relating to Suspension of State Aid for School Construction

2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 36

Sec. 36. STATE AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION; SUSPENSION

(a) The commissioner of education shall not accept, review, or act on any applications for state aid under chapter 123 of Title 16 submitted after March 7, 2007 unless, prior to March 7, 2007, the electorate voted funds or authorized bonds, and thereafter all periods for reconsideration of the vote have expired, except for those projects which are:

(1) eligible to be assigned first priority under 16 V.S.A. § 3448(a)(3);

(2) necessary to ensure the health and safety, as determined by the commissioner, of students and employees using the building; or

(3) school consolidation projects eligible for 50 percent aid under 16 V.S.A. § 3448(a)(7)(C).

(b) It is the intent of the general assembly to use the time that state aid for school construction is suspended to review the recommendations of the commissioner of education and the commissioner of finance and management reported under Sec. 38 of this act and, based on those recommendations, develop a sustainable plan for state aid to school construction. If no plan is in place by July 1, 2008, the general assembly will extend the period of suspension until a plan is in place.