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RENOVATING LEASED SCHOOLS

House Bill 4224

Sponsor: Rep. Deborah Whyman

Committee: Education

Complete to 2-10-95

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4224 AS INTRODUCED 1-30-95

The bill would amend the School Code to permit the board of a school district to spend operating funds to renovate or otherwise make structural improvements to a school building that it was leasing from another school district. The improvements could include, but would not be limited to, energy conservation measures, for improving the technological or instructional capabilities of the building to a level comparable to the capabilities of other district buildings.

The bill states that the restrictions of Section 1263 of the code concerning sites not owned by a school district would not apply to expenditures authorized under the bill. Section 1263 states:

"(1) The board of a school district shall not build a school upon a site without having prior title in fee to the site, a lease for not less than 99 years, or a lease for not less than 50 years from the United States government, or this state, or a political subdivision of this state.

(2) The board of a school district shall not build a frame school on a site for which it does not have a title in fee or a lease for 50 years without securing the privilege of removing the school."

(A third subsection specifies which law governs the design and building of school buildings and says the state superintendent of public instruction has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the review and approval of plans and specifications.)

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