



1 district; provided that the grant index for districts whose  
2 equalized assessed valuation per pupil in average daily  
3 attendance is at the 99th percentile and above for all  
4 districts of the same type shall be 0.00.

5 "School construction project" means the acquisition,  
6 development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
7 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of  
8 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures,  
9 durable equipment, and land for educational purposes.

10 "School maintenance project" means a project, other than  
11 a school construction project, intended to provide for the  
12 maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for  
13 educational purposes, but does not include ongoing  
14 operational costs.

15 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-38, eff. 6-15-99.)

16 (105 ILCS 230/5-25)

17 Sec. 5-25. Eligibility and project standards.

18 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish  
19 eligibility standards for school construction project grants  
20 and debt service grants. ~~These--standards--shall--include~~  
21 ~~minimum-enrollment-requirements-for--eligibility--for--school~~  
22 ~~construction--project--grants--of-200-students-for-elementary~~  
23 ~~districts, 200-students-for-high-school--districts,--and--400~~  
24 ~~students--for--unit--districts.~~ The State Board of Education  
25 shall approve a district's eligibility for a school  
26 construction project grant or a debt service grant pursuant  
27 to the established standards.

28 (b) The Capital Development Board shall establish  
29 project standards for all school construction project grants  
30 provided pursuant to this Article. These standards shall  
31 include space and capacity standards as well as the  
32 determination of recognized project costs that shall be  
33 eligible for State financial assistance and enrichment costs

1 that shall not be eligible for State financial assistance.

2 The recognized project cost initially calculated by the  
3 Capital Development Board shall establish the acceptable cost  
4 of the eligible expenditures. If the bid price received by  
5 the district from the various contractors for the eligible  
6 expenditures is less than the bid estimate amount included in  
7 this initial calculation, then the recognized project cost  
8 shall be reduced by the amount of the difference. If the bid  
9 price received by the district from the various contractors  
10 for the eligible expenditures is greater than the bid  
11 estimate amount included in this initial calculation, then  
12 the recognized project cost shall be increased by the amount  
13 of the difference.

14 (c) The State Board of Education and the Capital  
15 Development Board shall not establish standards that  
16 disapprove or otherwise establish limitations that restrict  
17 the eligibility of a school district with a population  
18 exceeding 500,000 for a school construction project grant  
19 based on the fact that any or all of the school construction  
20 project grant will be used to pay debt service or to make  
21 lease payments, as authorized by subsection (b) of Section  
22 5-35 of this Law.

23 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-38, eff. 6-15-99.)

24 (105 ILCS 230/5-35)

25 Sec. 5-35. School construction project grant amounts;  
26 permitted use; prohibited use.

27 (a) The product of the district's grant index and the  
28 recognized project cost, as determined by the Capital  
29 Development Board, for an approved school construction  
30 project shall equal the amount of the grant the Capital  
31 Development Board shall provide to the eligible district.  
32 For those districts that have not received grants from the  
33 Capital Development Board prior to the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the district's  
2 grant index may not be less than 0.50. The grant index shall  
3 not be used in cases where the General Assembly and the  
4 Governor approve appropriations designated for specifically  
5 identified school district construction projects.

6 (b) In each fiscal year in which school construction  
7 project grants are awarded, 20% of the total amount awarded  
8 statewide shall be awarded to a school district with a  
9 population exceeding 500,000, provided such district complies  
10 with the provisions of this Article.

11 In addition to the uses otherwise authorized by this Law,  
12 any school district with a population exceeding 500,000 is  
13 authorized to use any or all of the school construction  
14 project grants (i) to pay debt service, as defined in the  
15 Local Government Debt Reform Act, on bonds, as defined in the  
16 Local Government Debt Reform Act, issued to finance one or  
17 more school construction projects and (ii) to the extent that  
18 any such bond is a lease or other installment or financing  
19 contract between the school district and a public building  
20 commission that has issued bonds to finance one or more  
21 qualifying school construction projects, to make lease  
22 payments under the lease.

23 (c) No portion of a school construction project grant  
24 awarded by the Capital Development Board shall be used by a  
25 school district for any on-going operational costs.

26 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-38, eff. 6-15-99.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
28 July 1, 2001."