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School Construction Aid for Renovation of School Building

FACTS:

A school administrative district has an old two-room school building which will be abandoned in the fall. The district directors wish to renovate the building; making it suitable for a Superintendent's office. Estimated cost of the renovation would be approximately \$5,000. The directors have inquired of the State Department of Education whether such a project would qualify for aid pursuant to R. S., c. 41, § 237-H.

QUESTION:

If the district were to vote to renovate the building, would the district expenditure qualify for school construction aid under R. S., c. 41, § 237-H?

ANSWER:

Yes.

REASON:

On May 16, 1963 we stated, in a formal opinion addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Education, that the renovation of a portion of a school building, for use as a district administrative office, would qualify for aid pursuant to R. S., c. 41, § 237-H. The same reasoning applies to renovation of a school building for a superintendent's office.

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