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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 936

Sponsor: Senator Gilbert J. DiNello

Committee: Education and Mental Health

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Bill: State Law 1990

Date Completed: 5-23-90

SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 936 as introduced 4-26-90:

The bill would amend Public Act 306 of 1937, which regulates the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of public and private school buildings, to increase from \$15,000 to \$100,000 the amount that subjects a construction, reconstruction, and remodeling project to the Act.

In addition to exempting projects under \$15,000, the Act exempts one-story school buildings and one-story additions to them. The Act provides, however, that regardless of the number of stories, a building or addition exceeding \$15,000 is subject to the requirement that a registered architect or engineer, as well as the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Fire Marshal, approve the plans. The bill would increase the \$15,000 limit to \$100,000.

In addition, the bill provides that if the total cost for construction, reconstruction, or remodeling of a school building were less than \$100,000, it would not be necessary to employ a registered architect or engineer. Under the Act, the cost must be less than \$15,000. As the Act currently provides, however, the plans would have to be submitted to the State Fire Marshal and the State Superintendent.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. Local school districts would realize indeterminate construction savings by not having to pay architectural or engineering fees for construction costing less than \$100,000; and by not having to use certain fire resistant materials. It is not known how many buildings would be affected. There are about 3,509 public school buildings in the State.

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