3. The Board of Public Works is authorized, in its discretion and upon recommendation of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to approve a State grant not to exceed 87-1/2 percent of the eligible cost of a project or part of a project, if the Board finds (A) that the immediate initiation or continuation of such project is critical to the public health or compliance with water quality standards of the State, and (B) that a timely and sufficient Federal grant is not available for such project or part of a project. In approving such grants, the Board of Public Works shall make all reasonable efforts not to jeopardize Federal grants for the remaining part of such projects.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any portion (word, sentence, paragraph, proviso or section) of this Act shall be held invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect, and such invalid portion shall be considered severed and deleted from this Act.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1975.

Approved April 22, 1975.

CHAPTER 263

(House Bill 809)

AN ACT concerning

[[Special Educational Services - Funding]]
Handicapped Children - Aid to Education

FOR the purpose of providing [[new methods, procedures, and formulas for the State and local funding of special educational services; defining terms; providing for a 4 year phase—in of the program; requiring certain basic contributions by State and local governments to the programs; providing for modifications of Special Educational Service plans under certain circumstances; making style changes; and relating generally to special educational services.) a method for distributing the amount of the General Fund appropriated for handicapped children for the Fiscal Year 1975—1976.