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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **718** Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. SEYLER, WAGNER, SHAFER,  
HAYS, SILVERT AND STROUP, MAY 31, 1961.

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REFERRED TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,  
MAY 31, 1961.

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**AN ACT**

Amending the act of March 10 1949 (P L 30) entitled "An act relating to the public school system including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools amending revising consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto" providing for the establishing of policies and standards for programs of guidance counseling in the public schools and community colleges of the Commonwealth for associated testing programs and for training and certification of guidance counselors granting certain powers

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

and duties to the State Council of Education and the Department of Public Instruction and providing for an Advisory Committee on Guidance and Counseling and making an appropriation

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 The act approved March 10 1949 (P L 30) known as the  
2 "Public School Code of 1949" is amended by adding after section 1519.1  
3 the following new sections
- 4 Section 1519.2 Provisions for Guidance Counseling Testing Gui-  
5 dance Counselor Training and Certification The State Council of Edu-  
6 tification of guidance counselors and (2) in the evaluation and periodic re-  
7 minimum standards (1) for programs for guidance counseling in the  
8 public schools of the Commonwealth including kindergarten elementary  
9 and secondary schools and community colleges (2) for associated pro-  
10 grams of testing pupils to aid in making such guidance and counseling  
11 effective to aid in measuring aptitudes and achievements of pupils and  
12 the effectiveness of educational curricula programs and methods and to  
13 aid in planning for public and private educational facilities and oppor-  
14 tunities at all levels of education in the Commonwealth and (3) for the

1 training and certification of guidance counselors for employment in the  
2 public schools and community colleges of the Commonwealth

3 Section 1519.3 Standards for Guidance Counselor Certification

4 Certification standards for guidance counselors shall include (1) require-  
5 ments of supervised internship courses in interviewing group work job  
6 information determination of personnel needs of industry and business  
7 (2) a provision that all guidance courses credited towards certification  
8 shall occur only at the graduate level and (3) a provision that adminis-  
9 trators and supervisors appointed in the public schools hereafter who have  
10 not been so employed before the effective date of this act shall complete  
11 at least one approved course of study in guidance counseling before en-  
12 tering upon the performance of their administrative and supervisory  
13 duties

14 Section 1519.4 Advisory Committee on Guidance and Counseling

15 (a) The State Council of Education shall appoint an Advisory Committee  
16 on Guidance and Counseling composed of eight appointed members one  
17 of whom shall be named chairman and a representative of the Depart-  
18 ment of Public Instruction All appointed members of the committee  
19 shall be professionally employed or trained in the field of guidance  
20 counseling or related professions Each appointed member shall be ap-

1 pointed to serve for a term of four years or to fill an unexpired term ex-  
2 cept that initial appointments shall be made for such full terms and such  
3 lesser terms that thereafter the terms of two (2) members shall expire  
4 each year The committee shall meet at such regular and special times as  
5 may be prescribed by the State Council of Education or at the call of the  
6 chairman of the committee

7 (b) The committee shall assist the State Council of Education and  
8 the Department of Public Instruction (1) in the formulation and revision  
9 of plans policies standards rules and regulations relating to programs of  
10 guidance counseling associated testing programs and the training and cer-  
11 tion shall adopt and promulgate plans policies and standards including  
12 evaluation of such programs and such training and certification Programs  
13 and provisions for the training and certification of guidance counseling  
14 shall be re-evaluated by the committee in not greater than five year in-  
15 tervals

16 (c) The members of the committee shall be paid thirty dollars (\$30)  
17 per diem and necessary expenses when actively engaged in the per-  
18 formance of their duties

19 Section 1519.5 Additional Responsibilities of the Department of  
20 Public Instruction The State Council of Education shall determine from

**1** time to time what additional action shall be taken by the Department of  
**2** Public Instruction to secure the continuing improvement and extension  
**3** of guidance counseling services and programs in the public schools and  
**4** community colleges of the Commonwealth

**5** Section 1519.6 Assistance by Department of Public Instruction The  
**6** Department of Public Instruction shall provide secretarial and other  
**7** assistance to the State Council of Education and to the Advisory Com-  
**8** mittee on Guidance and Counseling as the State Council of Education  
**9** may require in the discharge of its duties in relation to guidance counsel-  
**10** ing programs associated testing programs and guidance counselor training  
**11** and certification Whenever the State Council is required to adopt plans  
**12** policies and standards or to review existing programs or practices it may  
**13** require the Department of Public Instruction to make and report its  
**14** studies and recommendations preliminarily to the State Council of Edu-  
**15** cation and to the Advisory Committee on Guidance and Counseling

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1        Section 2 The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or as much  
2 thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated to the Department  
3 of Public Instruction for the foregoing purposes stated in section 1 of  
4 this act

5        Section 3 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of  
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The ..... day of ..... A. D. 1961.

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Governor