

or board of school directors of any school district or vocational school district of this Commonwealth is hereby authorized to pay any professional employe the salary he would be entitled to if teaching in the school district from which he is granted a leave of absence to serve as an exchange teacher in any foreign country or territory or possession of the United States of America.

Any professional employe, while on leave as an exchange teacher, shall be considered to be in regular full-time daily attendance in the position from which the leave was granted, during the period of said leave, for the purpose of determining the employe's length of service credit toward the time necessary for a sabbatical leave, the right to receive increments as provided by law, and the right to make contributions as a member of the School Employes' Retirement Fund and continue his or her membership therein.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 289

AN ACT

To further amend section 2502 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," by limiting the districts entitled to supplemental payments by the Commonwealth on account of pupils in joint schools or in union or merged districts.

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 2502, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as last amended by act of December 27, 1951, P. L. 1783, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section 2502 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1783), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2502. Payments on Account of Instruction.—(a) Every school district and every vocational school district shall be paid by the Commonwealth on account of the instruction of all pupils in average daily member-

ship in the district's public schools, joint elementary schools and joint high schools, an amount to be determined by multiplying the number of teaching units, based on the number of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools, joint elementary schools and joint high schools by the district's standard reimbursement fraction; and for the school year 1950-1951 by three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850); for the school year 1951-1952 by four thousand dollars (\$4000); for the school year 1952-1953 by four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300); for the school year 1953-1954 by four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500); for the school year 1954-1955 by four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700); for the school year 1955-1956 by four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900); for the school year 1956-1957 by five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5100); for the school year 1957-1958 by five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300); for the school year 1958-1959 and for each school year thereafter by five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500): Provided, That the amount of payment to be made by the Commonwealth to any school district during the school year 1951-1952 and 1952-1953 for the school years 1950-1951 and 1951-1952 on account of the instruction of pupils under the provisions of this section shall not be less than the amount paid to the district during the school year 1949-1950 on account of the instruction of pupils: Provided further, That if the number of teaching units in any school district for the school year 1950-1951 or 1951-1952 is less than the number of teaching units for the school year 1948-1949, the payment by the Commonwealth shall be reduced proportionately.

(b) In addition to the payments hereinbefore specified, the following supplemental payments shall be made to *districts of the third and fourth class, and to such other districts as have been approved by the Department of Public Instruction prior to the effective date of this amendment that are the district of residence on account of pupils enrolled in elementary schools or high schools operated by joint boards of which the district of residence is a member and pupils enrolled in schools operated by union or merged districts:*

(1) In the case of joint elementary schools, five hundred dollars (\$500) per teaching unit multiplied by the standard reimbursement fraction of the district of residence.

(2) In the case of joint high schools, five hundred dollars (\$500) per teaching unit multiplied by the standard reimbursement fraction of the district of residence.

(3) In the case of elementary schools operated by union or merged districts, eight hundred dollars (\$800)

per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

(4) In the case of high schools operated by union or merged districts, eight hundred dollars (\$800) per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

In all cases, the supplemental payments specified in the foregoing shall be made only for organizations *established and operated in accordance with standards and regulations prescribed by the State Council of Education and approved by the Department of Public Instruction.*

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, when, because of sparsity of population, road or climatic conditions, or lack of other available high school facilities, the State Council of Education has approved the continued operation of a small high school, the district shall receive an amount based on a number of teaching units equal to the number of teachers approved by the State Council of Education as being required to provide a satisfactory educational program in such school, provided that the number of teachers employed is not less than the number approved.

For no year shall any school district or vocational school district receive less than the minimum subsidy per teaching unit.

Act effective
July 1, 1954.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 290

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by further regulating the financing of water supply through taxation, bond issues and charges upon benefited properties.

"The First Class
Township Code."

Clause XV of
section 1502 and
section 2601, act
of June 24, 1931,
P. L. 1206, as
reenacted,
amended and
revised by act
P. L. 1955,
of May 27, 1949,
further amended.

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

Section 1. Clause XV of section 1502 and section 2601 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as reenacted, amended and revised by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of