

all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," deleting certain limitations with respect to aids and services to the blind.

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Clause (i), section 2320, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, amended May 21, 1956, P. L. 1646, further amended.

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

Section 1. Clause (i) of section 2320, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended May 21, 1956 (P. L. 1646), is amended to read:

Section 2320. The Blind and Visually Handicapped.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power, and its duties shall be:

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(i) To furnish or make available medical treatment, surgical operations, eye glasses and other necessary aids or services, including transportation, to needy blind persons or persons with impaired vision for the purpose of improving, conserving or restoring their vision. These services and aids shall not be furnished unless they are otherwise unavailable, and in no case shall the total cost thereof exceed [two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)] *one thousand dollars (\$1,000)* per person during any period of eighteen months.

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APPROVED—The 14th day of July, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 315

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 voting for mergers where some of the districts are already merged.

Public School Code of 1949.

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

Act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended by adding a new section 263.1.

Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding, after section 263, a new section to read:

*Section 263.1. Mergers; Voting; Partial Mergers.—In the event that the electors of two or more districts assent to a merger, they shall not be required to vote in case other districts of the approved administrative area shall vote on the question of joining the existing merger*

*if the board of directors of the existing merged district shall have first given its approval to a proposed merger with such additional districts.*

APPROVED—The 14th day of July, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 316

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 12, 1951 (P. L. 533), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," authorizing superintendents to exercise discretion by and with the advice of certain other physicians or surgeons with respect to the performance of surgery on certain patients.

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

The Mental Health Act of 1951.

Section 1. Article IX., act of June 12, 1951 (P. L. 533), known as "The Mental Health Act of 1951," is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subarticle to read:

Article IX., act of June 12, 1951, P. L. 533, amended by adding a new subarticle (e).

Article IX.

Guardian Of The Person.

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(e) *Superintendent—Special Powers.*

*Section 922. Special Powers of Superintendent.—In the case of any patient having no living parent, spouse nor issue nor next of kin, and for whom no legal guardian has been appointed, the superintendent may, in his discretion by and with the advice of two other physicians or surgeons not employed by the same institution, determine when elective surgery should be performed upon such patient as fully and to the same effect as if said superintendent had been appointed guardian and had applied to and received the approval of an appropriate court therefor.*

APPROVED—The 14th day of July, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE