

No. 472

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 1, 1959 (P. L. 350), entitled "An act relating to the retirement of public school employes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," clarifying the provisions relating to the computation of allowances payable to members of the joint coverage group.

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

Public School
Employes' Retirement Code
of 1959.

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (1) of section 403, act of June 1, 1959 (P. L. 350), known as the "Public School Employes Retirement Code of 1959," are amended to read:

Paragraphs (a) and (g), subsection (1), section 403, act of June 1, 1959, P. L. 350, amended.

Section 403. Reduction of Superannuation Retirement Allowances and Withdrawal Allowances on Account of Social Security Old Age Insurance Benefits (Primary Insurance Amount).—

(1) The superannuation retirement allowance or the withdrawal allowance provided for in section 401 or section 402, as the case may be, of this article payable to a member of the joint coverage group after the age at which social security old age insurance benefits become payable shall be reduced by an amount equal to forty (40) percent of the primary insurance amount of social security paid or payable to him. Such reduction shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) The eligibility of such contributor for the old age insurance benefit and the primary insurance amount of such benefit upon which the reduction in the allowance shall be based, shall be [computed] *determined* by the retirement board in [the manner specified in] *accordance with the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act in effect on the effective date of retirement or withdrawal of the member*, except that in determining such eligibility and such amount only wages or compensation for services covered by the retirement system during such time as the contributor was a member of the integrated system shall be included.

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(g) Whenever the amount of the reduction from the *superannuation retirement allowance or the withdrawal allowance* shall have been once determined, it shall remain fixed for the duration of the allowance except that any decrease in the primary insurance amount under the Federal Social Security Act shall result in a corresponding decrease in the amount of the reduction from the allowance.

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of August, A. D. 1961.

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No. 473

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 11, 1935 (P. L. 326), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war records," further regulating contributions made by county commissioners toward funeral expenses of deceased service persons and their widows.

Counties of the first class.

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

First paragraph, section 2 and sections 3 and 4, act of June 11, 1935, P. L. 326, amended July 8, 1957, P. L. 561, further amended.

Section 1. The first paragraph of section 2 and sections 3 and 4, act of June 11, 1935 (P. L. 326), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war records," amended July 8, 1957 (P. L. 561), are amended to read:

Section 2. Sum to be Spent.—The county commissioners of any county of the first class of this State are hereby authorized and directed to contribute the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) towards the funeral expenses of each deceased service person in the cases enumerated below, where in each case application therefor is made within one year after the date of his or her death, and where the total expenses of the funeral does not exceed [eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) *one thousand dollars* (\$1,000.00): Provided, That in the case of any deceased service person who died while in the service, application need not be made within one year after the date of his or her death, but may be made at any time thereafter, if the reason for the delay is satisfactory to the county commissioners. Payment shall be made under the following circumstances:

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Section 3. Burial of Widows of Deceased Service Persons.—Upon due application and proof, the county commissioners of such county are hereby authorized and