

Effect of absence
on regular leave.

Section 2. No absence from duty of any *State* employe [of a State penal or correctional institution under the Bureau of Correction of the Department of Justice] *to whom this act applies* by reason of any such injury shall in any manner be deducted from any period of leave allowed the employe by law or by regulation.

Act effective
immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 535

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 4, 1925 (P. L. 127), entitled "An act relating to Adoption," reducing the minimum period of custody in an agency or institution necessary for voluntary relinquishment of custody of a child, and changing provisions relating to hearings in certain cases.

Adoption.

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

Section 1.1, act
of April 4, 1925,
P. L. 127, added
August 26, 1953,
P. L. 1411,
amended.

Section 1. Section 1.1, act of April 4, 1925 (P. L. 127), entitled "An act relating to Adoption," added August 26, 1953 (P. L. 1411), is amended to read:

Section 1.1. Voluntary Relinquishment.—When any person under the age of eighteen years has been in the care of an approved agency or institution for a minimum period of [thirty (30)] *five (5)* days, the parent or parents of such person may petition the court, in the county in which is located that office of the approved agency or institution having the custody of such person, for permission to relinquish forever all parental rights to such person. If the parent or parents of such person are eighteen years of age or over, they may petition the court without the consent of their parents or guardians. The agency or institution having the care of such person shall join in such petition.

The court shall thereupon fix a time for hearing, which shall be not less than ten days after such petition is presented. The hearing shall be private, *and may be held at any place within the court's jurisdiction when the court deems it for the best interest of the child.* At such hearing, the court, by examination under oath of the parties to the petition, shall ascertain the truth of the facts set forth in the petition and its execution, and if satisfied as to the truth thereof and that the petition should be granted, it shall issue its decree so finding, and (1) directing the transfer of the custody of the person

to the approved agency or institution, and (2) authorizing such agency or institution to give consent to the adoption of such person without further consent of or notification to the parent or parents.

Such decree, with all the testimony and all other papers pertaining to the case, shall be recorded in such manner as the court shall prescribe and shall be kept in the files of the court as a permanent record thereof, and shall be withheld from inspection except upon order of the court upon cause shown.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 536

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," authorizing the printing and reproducing of study and curriculum materials by county commissioners in second class counties, and providing for reimbursements therefor.

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

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 1039, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read:

Section 1039,
act of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
amended.

Section 1039. County to Furnish Office Rooms, etc.—The county commissioners of each county shall provide, furnish and maintain fit and suitable office rooms at the county-seat for the use of the county superintendent of schools, and his assistants, if any. The county commissioners shall also provide, furnish, and maintain safe and suitable storage, in connection with such office rooms, for the preservation and safekeeping of the school records, books, and documents pertaining to such office. They shall also provide, for the use of the superintendent and assistant superintendents, all necessary stationery, printing, blanks, and postage, other than that connected with the annual county teachers' institute. *The county commissioners in counties of the second class may provide for the printing or otherwise reproducing of courses of study and curriculum materials. Such advances are to be reimbursed by the county superintendent from funds*