

of the contributing college for the specific purposes designated or for such purposes as may be approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

All moneys accumulated in the above reserve funds shall be paid by the Department of Public Instruction from the funds for the purposes for which the funds were created in accordance with disbursement procedures as provided by law. All additional rental fee moneys collected in excess of the amounts required to be deposited in the reserve funds shall be credited to the Department of Property and Supplies and paid on account of rentals due the General State Authority pursuant to contracts to lease dormitories constructed by the said Authority for the use of the State Colleges.

Section 3. Section 2009 of the act is amended to read:

Section 2009 of
the act,
amended.

Section 2009. Vocational Education and Rehabilitation Programs; [Conversion for Other Purposes, etc.].—The trustees of any State [Teachers'] College with the approval of the [Department of Public Instruction] *board of presidents, the Superintendent of Public Instruction* and the Governor, may cooperate with municipal, State, Federal and other agencies in vocational education and rehabilitation programs in the furtherance of national defense and post-war activities. For such purposes they shall have power to do all things and enter into all agreements necessary to carry out the same, including the power to lease the whole or any part of the real property used by such college. [They also shall have power to convert the whole, or any part, of one or more of such State Teachers' Colleges for any other State purpose.]

Section 4. Section 2010 of the act is repealed.

Section 2010 of
the act, repealed.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 553

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," granting certain powers to directors of newly merged school districts.

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

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 263, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended April 15, 1959, P. L. 42 and December 8, 1959, P. L. 1727, further amended.

Section 1. Section 263, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended April 15, 1959 (P. L. 42) and December 8, 1959 (P. L. 1727), is amended to read:

Section 263. Petitions and Elections for Mergers; Returns; When Effective.—Upon the approval of said plans by the State Council of Education, it shall be the duty of the county board of school directors to prepare and present petitions for such mergers to the court of common pleas of the county. In case such districts or parts of districts are situated in two or more counties, the petitions shall be presented to the court of common pleas of the county in which the largest part in area of the land affected is situated, which court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the matter.

Whenever the State Council of Education approves said plans, at least one hundred days prior to a general, municipal or primary election, and the county board of school directors fail to present petitions to the court for submission of the question at such election, then any elector of a school district involved may present such a petition to the court, signed by at least fifteen per cent of the electors in each school district, for submission of the question at any subsequent general municipal or primary election.

The petition for any such merger shall request the submission of the question of such merger to the electors of each district affected thereby at the next general, municipal or primary election to be held at least ninety (90) days after the presentation of said petition. The question to be submitted to the electors shall be framed by the court and be by it certified to the county commissioners for submission to the electors of each district affected thereby. Such submission shall be in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth relating to the submission of similar questions.

If a majority of the electors of each school district voting therein shall be in favor of merger, as shown by the returns of the election, a certificate of the returns shall be filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the prothonotary of the court of common pleas, the county board of school directors, and the board of school directors of each of said school districts. The merger shall become effective on the first Monday in July next succeeding the election. The merger shall be effective as to only those districts in which the majority of the electors voting on the question shall have assented to the merger.

The school directors of each newly formed district shall have the power, prior to the first Monday in July aforesaid, to meet, adopt a budget, levy and assess taxes,

and perform all acts and functions necessary, which would enable the merged district to properly function on the date the merger is effected. If the electors do not assent to the merger, the same or revised plans may be submitted within five years in accordance with the foregoing procedure.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 554

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," changing certain salaries and work loads, prescribing general extension education areas, decreasing the number of names needed for free extension education, raising the deposit fee and providing for a tuition fee in certain instances, deleting provisions relating to free evening schools, providing for payments on account of approved vocational extension classes, and making an appropriation.

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

Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1. Sections 1146, 1901 and 1902, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended August 19, 1953 (P. L. 1207), are amended to read:

Sections 1146, 1901 and 1902, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended August 19, 1953, P. L. 1207, further amended.

Section 1146. Part-time Teachers, etc.—The minimum salary of all part-time teachers, supervisors and principals shall be as follows:

(1) Special Education. Teachers having a certificate valid for the subjects in which the teacher is giving instruction, employed to teach children of exceptional physical or mental condition who are unable to attend a regular public school, two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour.

(2) General Extension Education.

(a) Teachers, supervisors and directors of extension schools and classes holding a certificate valid for the subjects in which the teacher is giving instruction, [two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50)] *four dollars (\$4.00)* per hour.

(b) Teachers, leaders, supervisors and directors of extension recreation activities holding a certificate valid