

or until their successors are appointed, except that the members of such board first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the terms of all the members shall not expire in the same year] be appointed for a term to extend no longer than five years and the terms of the members shall be staggered in such a manner that at least one expires annually.

Members of such board shall serve without pay. Vacancies in such board occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired term and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

If, on the effective date of this amendment, there is a recreation board established in any county that is not comprised of nine members, additional persons may be appointed but if there are more than nine members, vacancies shall not be filled until the membership is less than nine.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 490

AN ACT

SB 1221

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 Commonwealth reimbursement for certain costs incurred by school districts in connection with the education of hard of hearing pupils.

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

Section 1. Section 1373.1, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended September 9, 1959 (P. L. 863), is amended to read:

Section 1373.1. Readers; Helpers; Guides; Aids; Appliances; Etc.; Reimbursement.—The Commonwealth shall reimburse school districts out of the moneys appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for special education for the cost of readers, helpers, guides, aids, appliances, special school books and supplies and devices for any child between the ages of six and twenty-one years of age who is blind, partially

sighted, deaf, hard of hearing, or afflicted with cerebral palsy, and who is enrolled, with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction, in any of the public schools of the Commonwealth, an amount equal to the costs of these services and equipment multiplied by the district's reimbursement fraction.

No such expenditures nor purchases may be made by any school district unless in accordance with a budget submitted by the district and approved by the Department of Public Instruction. The total expenditure by the Commonwealth hereunder shall not exceed seventy-five percent of a sum which would have been expended for the tuition and maintenance of any such child in a residential school for the blind, including partially sighted, deaf, hard of hearing, or those afflicted with cerebral palsy, that has been approved by the Department of Public Instruction for the education of the blind, partially sighted, deaf, hard of hearing, or those afflicted with cerebral palsy.

The services of such readers, helpers and guides may be contracted and paid for by the school district irrespective of the age of the person rendering such assistance and of the employment of such person by the school district as a teacher or otherwise and of the time and place where such services are rendered.

The Department of Public Instruction shall establish such necessary rules, regulations and standards as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 491

AN ACT

SB 676

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards and commissions; and prescribing the manner