

No. 374.

AN ACT

To amend sections one thousand seven hundred one, one thousand seven hundred four, one thousand seven hundred five, and one thousand seven hundred eleven of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith."

High schools.

Amendments to
the act of May 18,
1911 (P. L. 309).

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand seven hundred and one of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," which reads as follows:—

Section 1701, cited
for amendment.

"Section 1701. All high schools maintaining four or more years courses of study, of not less than nine months in each year, shall be high schools of the first class. All high schools maintaining three years courses of study, of not less than eight months in each year, shall be high schools of the second class. All high schools maintaining two years courses of study shall be high schools of the third class. The class to which any high school belongs shall be determined by the length of its shortest course for graduation: Provided, That hereafter no new high school shall be established in a school district of the fourth class without the consent of the *Superintendent of Public Instruction* and of the superintendent of schools of the county in which such district is located," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Elementary school
or course defined.

Section 1701. *The term elementary school or elementary course shall apply to all grades not included among those recognized as high school grades in the classification of the Department of Public Instruction. A high school is an organization of grades seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve, in cases where such grades or any of them are organized as part of a junior high school, a senior high school, or a six year high school, and are so recognized by the State Board of Education; but where such grades are not so organized, grades seven and eight shall be classified as ele-*

High school
defined.

mentary grades. A complete high school course is one requiring four years beyond an elementary course of eight years or six years beyond an elementary course of six years. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall make such regulations as shall be necessary to insure proper standards for the various grades of the twelve years of the public school course.

All high schools maintaining four or more years courses of study, of not less than nine months in each year, shall be high schools of the first class. All high schools maintaining three years courses of study, of not less than eight months in each year, shall be high schools of the second class. All high schools maintaining two years courses of study shall be high schools of the third class. The class to which any high school belongs shall be determined by the length of its shortest course for graduation: Provided, That hereafter no new high school shall be established in a school district of the fourth class without the consent of the State Board of Education and of the superintendent of schools of the county in which such district is located.

High schools
classified.

High schools
in fourth
class districts.

Section 2. Section one thousand seven hundred four of said act, which reads as follows:—

“Section 1704. Except in school districts of the first class, the board of school directors of every school district which shares in the special appropriation for high schools shall employ for its high school, during the entire term, a sufficient number of teachers for the teaching of any of the following branches, namely: Bookkeeping, civil government, general history, algebra, geometry, rhetoric, English literature, Latin (including Caesar, Virgil, and Cicero), physical geography, and the elements of botany, of zoology, of physics, and of chemistry. But no teacher shall be employed to teach any branch other than those enumerated in his certificate,” is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 1704, cited
for amendment.

Teachers.

Section 1704. Except in school districts of the first class, the board of school directors of every school district shall employ for its high school, during the entire term, a sufficient number of teachers for the teaching of any of the subjects included in the program of studies of the State Board of Education for which there shall be an application by fifteen pupils belonging to the grade in which such subject is specified in the said program of studies: Provided, That no pupil shall be counted among the applicants for such subject unless, in the judgment of the principal of the schools, he is both qualified and entitled to take such subject in the curriculum he is pursuing. But no teacher shall be employed to teach any branch other than those enumerated in his certificate.

Courses of study.

Section 3. Section one thousand seven hundred five of said act, which reads as follows:—

Section 1705, cited for amendment.

“Section 1705. The board of school directors of every district maintaining a high school shall, *on or before the first day of September of each year*, furnish to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a sworn *statement*, giving such information concerning said high school as he may require,” is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Statements to be furnished Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Section 1705. The board of school directors of every district maintaining a high school shall furnish to the Superintendent of Public Instruction sworn *statements* giving such information concerning said high school as he may require.

Section 4. Section one thousand seven hundred eleven of said act, which reads as follows:—

Section 1711, cited for amendment.

“Section 1711. The board of school directors of any district in which there is located a high school receiving a share of any appropriation *made specifically for the maintenance of said high schools*, shall deduct its share of the last such appropriation received from the total cost of tuition, text-books, and supplies, before computing the cost per pupil, in order to certify properly the expense for pupils attending the same from other districts,” is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Estimate of cost per pupil.

Section 1711. The board of school directors of any district in which there is located a high school receiving a share of any appropriation *for the salaries of high school teachers* shall deduct its share of the last such appropriation received from the total cost of tuition, text-books, and supplies, before computing the cost per pupil, in order to certify properly the expense for pupils attending the same from other districts.

APPROVED—The 20th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 375.

AN ACT

To amend sections two hundred sixteen, three hundred twenty-three, one thousand one hundred forty-five, one thousand four hundred eight, of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred nine), entitled “An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith.”

School districts.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two hundred sixteen of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred nine), entitled “An act to estab-

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