

No. 391.

AN ACT

To amend section four hundred and one 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."

Public school system.

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Section 401, act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 309), cited for amendment.

"Section 401. The board of school directors in every school district in this Commonwealth shall establish, equip, furnish, and maintain a sufficient number of elementary public schools, in compliance with the provisions of this act, to educate every person, residing in such district, between the ages of six and twenty-one years, who may attend; and may establish, equip, furnish, and maintain the following additional schools or departments for the education and recreation of persons residing in said district, which said additional schools or departments, when established, shall be an integral part of the public school system in such school district, and shall be so administered, namely:

- High schools.
- Manual training schools.
- Vocational schools.
- Domestic science schools.
- Agricultural schools.
- Evening schools.
- Kindergartens.
- Libraries.
- Museums.
- Reading-rooms.
- Gymnasiums.
- Playgrounds.
- Schools for blind, deaf, and mentally deficient.
- Truant schools.

Parental schools.**Schools for adults.**

"Public lectures,—together with such other schools or educational departments as they, in their wisdom, may see proper to establish:

"Provided, That no pupil shall be refused admission to the courses in these additional schools or departments, by reason of the fact that his elementary or academic education is being or has been received in a school other than a public school," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 401. The board of school directors in every school district in this Commonwealth shall establish, equip, furnish, and maintain a sufficient number of elementary public schools, in compliance with the provisions of this act, to educate every person, residing in such district, between the ages of six and twenty-one years, who may attend; and may establish, equip, furnish, and maintain the following additional schools or departments for the education and recreation of persons residing in said district, which said additional schools or departments, when established, shall be an integral part of the public school system in such school district, and shall be so administered, namely:

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The board of school directors of each school district of the first, second, third, and fourth class may, upon the petition of the parents or guardians of at least twenty-five children between the ages of four and six years, residing within the district and within one mile

Kindergartens.

of any elementary school building situate in such district, establish and maintain a kindergarten.

Number.

The number of kindergartens in any one district shall be fixed by the board of school directors, and shall be open during the school year.

Discontinuance.

If the average attendance in any one kindergarten in any district is ten or less for the school year, the school directors shall, at the close of the school year, discontinue the same.

Teachers.

The board of school directors shall appoint and assign a sufficient number of teachers or kindergartners to such kindergartens, who shall be graduates of a high school in good standing, and shall have had a course of two years in kindergarten work in some normal school or in some private school which has a course equal to a normal school. Any teacher who shall possess qualifications at least equal to those herein prescribed shall be eligible to appointment.

Taxes.

The board of school directors of each school district, in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied by the act to which this is an amendment, may levy an annual tax for the establishment and maintenance of kindergartens, not to exceed two mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the district. Such taxes, when levied, shall be kept in a separate fund and shall be used only for the purpose for which they were levied. If, at the end of any school year, all kindergartens in any district shall be discontinued, the board of school directors may transfer any moneys in such fund to the general fund for the support of public schools in the district.

Kindergarten fund.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

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To amend section four of an act, approved the twentieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred eighteen), entitled "An act relating to the appointment of persons to the police department in cities of the third class; providing for and regulating examinations, the manner of appointments, and the manner and power of removal of employees of said department; and providing a method for fixing compensation."

Cities of third class.

Police.

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