

No. 282

AN ACT

To amend section twelve of the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand forty-three), entitled "An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing employes; defining the uses and purposes thereof, and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," as amended, extending the time for certain employes who separated from school service to return and be entitled to full credit for prior service.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section twelve of the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand forty-three), entitled "An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing employes; defining the uses and purposes thereof, and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," which was last amended by section nine of the act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand seven hundred thirty-eight), entitled "An act to repeal paragraph four of section fourteen, and to amend sections one and three, as amended, section four, section six, paragraph six of section seven, section eight, as amended, section nine, section ten, section twelve, as amended, and sections fifteen, seventeen, and eighteen of an act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand forty-three), entitled 'An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing employes; defining the uses and purposes thereof, and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allow-

Public School
Employes'
Retirement
System.

Section 12,
act of
July 18, 1917
(P. L. 1043),
as last amended
by act of
May 14, 1929
(P. L. 1738),
further
amended.

ances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties,' providing for the abolishment of the expense fund, and for the consolidation of the other funds of the public school employes' retirement system into one fund, and for payments therein through the Department of Revenue; creating ledger accounts, in lieu of the funds consolidated into one fund; and further defining options for superannuation retirement," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Withdrawal

Section 12. Should a contributor, by resignation or dismissal, or in any other way than by death or retirement, separate from the school service, or should such contributor legally withdraw from the retirement system, he or she shall be paid on demand, from the fund created by this act: (a) The full amount of the accumulated deductions standing to his or her individual credit in the annuity savings account, or, in lieu thereof, should he or she so elect, (b) an annuity or a deferred annuity, which shall be the actuarial equivalent of said accumulation deductions. His or her membership in the retirement association shall thereupon cease.

2. Should an employe, so separated from the school service, return within five years, and restore to the School Employes' Retirement Fund, to the credit of the annuity savings account, his or her accumulated deductions as they were at the time of his or her separation, the annuity rights forfeited by him or her at that time shall be restored.

Each employe who separated from school service prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and who subsequently returned or shall return to school service prior to July first, one thousand nine hundred and [twenty-six] *thirty-two*, after more than five years' absence, shall at retirement for superannuation be entitled to have full credit for each year of service in the public schools of Pennsylvania: Provided,

(a) He or she shall have rendered not less than twenty years of service in the public schools of Pennsylvania prior to the retirement; and

(b) He or she shall have restored to the School Employes' Retirement Fund, to the credit of the annuity savings account, his or her accumulated deductions as they were at the time of his or her separation.

Each employe who separates from school service after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and who returns to school service after a longer absence than five years, shall have his or her annuity rights restored in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, provided he or she fulfills the

conditions named in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause, and, in addition thereto, (c) shall have left with the retirement board at least twenty per centum of his or her accumulated deductions at the time of his or her separation, and (d) shall return to service prior to the age of fifty-nine *years*.

In no case shall an employe who has separated from school service and who later returned to school service, after five or more years of absence, be eligible to retirement on account of disability until he or she shall have rendered at least three years of service subsequent to such return.

In any case the restoration of the accumulated deductions provided herein may be made by the payment of a lump sum or any actuarial equivalent approved by the retirement board.

Subject to such rules and regulations as the retirement board may adopt, the provisions of this act shall be applicable beginning July first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, to all who are on the retired list of Pennsylvania public school employes at the time this bill becomes a law.

3. Should a contributor die before retirement, his or her accumulated deductions shall be paid to his or her estate, or to such person as he or she shall have nominated by written designation, duly executed, and filed with the retirement board.

APPROVED—The 22d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 283

AN ACT

To repeal the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-four), entitled "An act authorizing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to place in each public school of this Commonwealth one copy of Smull's Legislative Hand-book following each decennial census, and biennially one copy of the School Laws and Decisions, and providing for the same."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-four), entitled "An act authorizing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to place in each public school of this Commonwealth one copy of Smull's Legislative Hand-book following each decennial census, and biennially one copy of the School Laws and Decisions, and providing for the same," is hereby repealed.

Public schools.

Smull's
Legislative
Hand-book.

Act of
April 29, 1897
(P. L. 34),
repealed.