

Section 101. Definitions.—The following words and phrases when used in any law hereafter enacted, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

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(88) "Political subdivision," any county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, school district [and poor district], *vocational school district and county institution district*.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

No. 140

AN ACT

Providing for the admission of children to, and their education and maintenance in, and their discharge from the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphan School; prohibiting discharging children or taking children from said school, or children from leaving the same without an order of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphan School; and prescribing penalties.

Pennsylvania  
Soldiers'  
Orphan School.  
Board of  
Trustees.

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

Children eligible  
for admission.

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphan School shall admit to the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphan School, under such rules and forms of application as it may adopt, children over six (6) and under fourteen (14) years of age, of parents who have resided in this Commonwealth for a continuous period of not less than five years prior to application for admission of such children, or prior to the death of the last survivor of such parents, and one or both of whose parents has served in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during any war in which the United States has been, is now or may hereafter be engaged, or in any movement or campaign in connection therewith or resulting therefrom, and has died in such service or has been honorably discharged therefrom.

Preferences.

Preference in admission shall be as follows: (1) Children, both of whose parents are dead; (2) Children, whose fathers are dead and whose mothers are living; (3) Destitute children not being in either of the two foregoing classes.

Children  
maintained  
until they  
reach age 19.

Section 2. Children so admitted shall be educated and maintained in the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphan School until they shall severally become nineteen years of age, unless sooner discharged for cause by order of the

board: Provided, That the board may at its discretion extend the time of the discharge of any child until the end of the school year during which such child reaches the age of nineteen years. For the purposes of this proviso the school year shall be deemed to commence the first day of September of each year.

Proviso.

Section 3. No child admitted to the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphan School shall be discharged therefrom, or leave the same, or be taken therefrom by any person, except on order of the board of trustees. In discharging a child from the school, or in permitting a child to leave or be taken from the school, the board of trustees shall be governed by the best interests of the child or the best interests of the other children in the school, as the case may be.

Children may not leave or be taken away, except on order of board of trustees.

Section 4. Whoever takes any child from the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphan School, or assists any child to leave the same, without an order from the board permitting such taking or leaving, and any child who leaves said school without permission so to do, shall, upon summary conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and in default of the payment thereof and costs, shall undergo imprisonment not to exceed ten days, or in the case of a minor, subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts, shall be dealt with by such court as in other cases of juvenile delinquency.

Penalties.

Section 5. Sections six, seven and eight of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred seventy-one), entitled, as amended "An act providing for the acquisition of land and the erection, equipment, management, and operation of the Pennsylvania Soldiers Orphans' School; the maintenance of children admitted thereto, and regulating the admissions to and discharges from the said Pennsylvania Soldiers Orphans' School," and their amendments, are hereby repealed absolutely.

Certain sections of act of May 27, 1893, P. L. 171, repealed.

All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

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