

No 187

AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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", authorizing the use of school buildings as meeting places for governmental and quasi-governmental bodies, agencies and authorities created by law.

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 775, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended April 14, 1949, P. L. 460, and April 24, 1949, P. L. 702, and May 12, 1949, P. L. 1278, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section seven hundred seventy-five, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended April fourteen, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 460), April twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 702), and May twelve, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1278), is amended to read:

Section 775. Use of School Buildings for Other Purposes; Arrangements with City, Borough or Township.—The board of school directors of any district may permit the use of its school grounds and buildings for social, recreation, and other proper purposes, under such rules and regulations as the board may adopt. The board shall make such arrangements with any city, borough, or township authorities for the improvement, care, protection, and maintenance of school buildings and grounds for school, park, play, or other recreation purposes, as it may see proper. Any board of school directors may make such arrangements as it may see proper with any officials or individuals for the temporary use of school property for schools, playgrounds, social, recreation, or other proper educational purposes, primaries and elections, and may permit the use of any school building for holding official meetings of the governing authorities of corporate or politic, governmental or quasi-governmental bodies, created by authority of any act of Assembly. The use thereof shall not interfere with school programs and shall be subject to reasonable rules and regulations adopted by the board of school directors.

Funds raised by individuals, groups, associations, or corporations, through the permissive use of school grounds or buildings, now or hereafter authorized by law, shall be the property of the individuals, groups, associations, or corporations, and not the property of the school district, subject, however, to such arrangements as the board may, at its discretion, lawfully make.

The board of school directors of any school district shall have power and authority to lease any part of their respective school building, equipment, and premises, or any vacant building, for any educational purpose. Such leases shall be subject to the terms and regulations which may be adopted by the board of school directors, and except in districts of the first class, shall be further subject to the approval of the State Council of Education.

The board of public education or the board of school directors of any school district shall have power and authority to lease any of their respective school buildings or athletic fields to any reputable organization or group of persons for charitable purposes, subject to such charges as the board shall consider proper to reimburse it for any costs resulting from the leasing of such school buildings or athletic fields. At the time of such leasing, any such board may require a bond, in an amount that it may deem proper, with responsible sureties or securities, and a statement of the charitable purposes for which such lease is requested.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of October, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

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No. 188

AN ACT

Amending the act of June one, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1242), entitled "An act relating to roads, streets, highways and bridges; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws administered by the Secretary of Highways and by the Department of Highways relating thereto", further regulating streets in cities of the second class and the powers, duties and obligations of such cities and the Commonwealth with regard thereto.

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

State Highway Law.

Section 1. The heading of subdivision (c) of Article V and the first paragraph of section five hundred twenty-one, act of June one, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1242), known as the "State Highway Law," are amended to read:

Heading of subdivision (c), Article V and first paragraph section 521, act of June 1, 1945, P. L. 1242, amended.

(c) Streets in [Second,] Second A and Third Class Cities.

Section 521. Restrictions and Limitations Upon Powers and Obligations of State.—The designation or taking over of any street of any city of the [second,]