

jury trials of issues in the orphans' court, and matters relating to such trials shall be heard and disposed of by the orphans' court.

[(c) Effect of Verdict. The verdict of the jury in the orphans' court shall have the same effect as the verdict of a jury in a case at law in a court of common pleas.]

Act effective
January 1, 1956.

Section 6. This act shall take effect January one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

APPROVED—The 10th day of February, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 323

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," limiting reimbursement for depreciation to school districts using their own vehicles in pupil transportation.

Public School
Code of 1949.

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

The first paragraph, section 2541, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended April 14, 1949, P. L. 456, and May 11, 1949, P. L. 1195, further amended.

Section 1. The first paragraph of section two thousand five hundred forty-one, 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 456), and May eleven, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1195), is amended to read:

Section 2541. *Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.*—School districts shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year on account of pupil transportation which, and the means and contracts providing for which, have been approved by the Department of Public Instruction, in the cases hereinafter enumerated, an amount to be determined by multiplying the cost of approved reimbursable pupil transportation incurred by the district by the district standard reimbursement fraction. In addition thereto, the Commonwealth shall pay to school districts which own their own vehicles, an annual depreciation charge of ten per centum (10%), to be calculated on the basis of the [certified] *approved* cost at which the district acquired the vehicle for which depreciation is claimed. *With*

respect to vehicles purchased after December 31, 1955, the annual depreciation charge shall not exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700). In no case shall the Commonwealth make annual payments on account of the depreciation of any vehicle totaling an amount exceeding the cost of the vehicle, as approved by the Department of Public Instruction, nor more than a total of fifteen payments.

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APPROVED—The 10th day of February, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 324

AN ACT

Amending the act of July two, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2821), entitled "An act to regulate the sale, and advertising for sale, of goods, wares, and merchandise purporting to be an insurance, bankruptcy, mortgage, insolvent, assignees, receivers, trustees, removal, or closing-out sale, or sale of goods damaged by fire, smoke, or water, in cities and certain boroughs of this Commonwealth; and to prevent fraudulent practices in connection therewith, and providing penalties for the violation thereof, and for the imposition of licensee fees for permission to conduct the same," making the provisions of the act *effective in municipalities and townships; further regulating statements of inventories; further regulating the issuance, renewal, denial, revocation and refusal of licenses and the conduct of sales; designating certain actions as violations of the act; authorizing appeals from refusal or denial to issue licenses.

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

Section 1. The title and sections one and two, act of July two, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2821), entitled "An act to regulate the sale, and advertising for sale, of goods, wares, and merchandise purporting to be an insurance, bankruptcy, mortgage, insolvent, assignees, receivers, trustees, removal, or closing-out sale, or sale of goods damaged by fire, smoke, or water, in cities and certain boroughs of this Commonwealth; and to prevent fraudulent practices in connection therewith, and providing penalties for the

The title and sections 1 and 2, act of July 2, 1937, P. L. 2821, amended.

* "affective" in original.