

No. 293

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined." giving powers to and imposing duties on the Department of Health in connection with rehabilitation of persons with hearing or speech defects.

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

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Section 1. Article XXI., act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding, after section 2114, a new section to read:

Article XXI, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, amended by adding a new section 2115.

Section 2115. Speech and Hearing Rehabilitation Centers.—The Department of Health shall have power, and its duty shall be:

(a) *To provide, maintain, administer and operate speech and hearing rehabilitation centers—*

(1) *For the diagnosis and treatment of children with or suspected of having hearing loss.*

(2) *To provide auditory training for preschool children.*

(3) *To provide consultative services for hard of hearing children of school age and their parents.*

(b) *The Health Department may purchase such services whenever it is not feasible to provide and maintain such centers.*

Section 2. Section 1372.1, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added January 14, 1952 (P. L. 1867), is repealed.

Specific repeal, section 1372.1, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, added January 14, 1952, P. L. 1867.

APPROVED—The 1st day of September, A. D. 1959.

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