

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

Section 1. Section 2306, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended July 13, 1957 (P. L. 852), is amended to read:

Section 2306. Promotion of [County] *Local Welfare Organizations*.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power to [promote the organization of county councils of social agencies, and county welfare boards, the purpose of which shall be to coordinate the social welfare activities of the counties.]—

(1) *Assist in the establishment of local social welfare planning bodies such as councils of social agencies.*

(2) *Provide consultation to local public officials and voluntary organizations in the establishment and operation of public and private social welfare programs in fields in which the department has responsibility.*

(3) *On the basis of formulae which include ratios of public and voluntary support, to disburse Federal and State funds appropriated for the purpose as grants and subsidies to such programs if they meet the department's standards.*

APPROVED—The 13th day of June, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 184

### 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," removing from the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Welfare jails, prisons and penal institutions and inmates thereof.

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

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Section 2306, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, amended July 13, 1957, P. L. 852, further amended.

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Clauses (a) and (d), section 2302, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, clause (a), amended July 13, 1957, P. L. 852, further amended.

Section 1. Clauses (a) and (d) of section 2302, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," clause (a), amended July 13, 1957 (P. L. 852), are amended to read:

Section 2302. Definitions.—As used in this article, (a) "State Institutions" shall mean and include all [penal, reformatory or] correctional institutions, hospitals for the insane, or any other institutions for feeble-minded or epileptic persons, or for juvenile delinquents and dependents, and charitable institutions, within this Commonwealth, maintained in whole by the Commonwealth, and whose boards of trustees are departmental administrative boards within the Department of Public Welfare;

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(d) "Supervised Institution" shall mean any charitable institution within the Commonwealth which receives financial assistance from the Commonwealth, either directly or indirectly, and to which the Governor does not appoint any member of the board of inspectors, managers, trustees or directors; all houses or places within the Commonwealth in which any person of unsound mind is detained, whenever the occupant or owner of the house, or person having charge of such person of unsound mind, receives any compensation for custody, control or attendance, other than as an attendant or nurse; and also all institutions, houses or places, in which more than one such person is detained, with or without compensation paid for custody or attendance; all children's institutions and maternity homes and hospitals within the Commonwealth; all homes or hospitals for crippled children within the Commonwealth, except the State Hospital for Crippled Children; all [prisons, jails,] hospitals, almshouses, or poorhouses, maintained by any county, city, borough, township or poor district of this Commonwealth; and all institutions, associations and societies within this Commonwealth into whose care the custody of delinquent, dependent or neglected children may be committed, and all houses and places maintained by such institutions, associations or societies in which such children may be kept or detained.

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Clause (b), section 2304 of the act, amended July 13, 1957, P. L. 852, further amended.

Section 2. Clause (b) of section 2304 of the act, amended July 13, 1957 (P. L. 852), is amended to read:

Section 2304. Visitations and Inspections.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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(b) To visit and inspect, at least once in each year, all State and supervised institutions; to inquire and examine into their methods of instruction, discipline, detention, [imprisonment,] care or treatment, the care, treatment, government or management of their inmates or those committed thereto, or being [imprisoned,] detained, treated or residing therein, the official conduct of their inspectors, trustees, managers, directors or other officer or officers charged with their management by law or otherwise, or having the management, care, custody or control thereof, the buildings, grounds, premises, and equipment thereof, or connected therewith, and all and every matter and thing relating to their usefulness, administration, and management, and to the welfare of the inmates thereof, or those committed thereto or being [imprisoned,] detained, treated or residing therein;

For these purposes, the Secretary of Public Welfare, or other officer, inspector or agent of the department, shall have free and full access to the grounds, premises, and buildings, of and to all the records, books or papers of or relating to any such State or supervised institution, and full opportunity to interrogate or interview any inmate thereof, or any person or persons committed to or being [imprisoned,] detained, treated or residing therein, and all persons connected with any such State or supervised institution as officers, or charged with the management, thereof, by law or otherwise, or in any way having the care, custody, control, or management thereof, or connected therewith as employes, are hereby directed and required to give to the Secretary of Public Welfare, or to such officer, inspector or agent of the department, such means, facilities, and opportunity for such visitation, examination, inquiry, and interrogation, as is hereby provided and required, or as the department, by its duly ordained rules or regulations, may require.

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No. 185

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 14, 1925 (P. L. 234), entitled "An act relating to Boarding Houses for Infants; providing for the licensing thereof and the adoption of rules and regulations for the maintenance, operation, and conduct thereof, by the Department of Welfare; and fixing penalties," further defining terms, deleting certain requirements for approval and licenses, imposing powers and duties on the Department of Public Welfare, deleting the right to enter and inspect premises and the requirement for registration, making certain acts illegal, providing penalties and making repeals.