

residents of the district and are in average daily membership in the elementary schools of other districts in the Commonwealth or who are in average daily membership in the secondary schools of other districts within the Commonwealth: Further provided, That in the case of such pupils teaching units shall be calculated on the basis of thirty-five (35) elementary pupils and twenty-six (26) secondary pupils per teaching unit, respectively.

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Section 2. The last two paragraphs of section 2502.1 of the act, amended December 30, 1959 (P. L. 2088), are amended to read:

Last two paragraphs, section 2502.1 of the act, amended December 30, 1959, P. L. 2088, further amended.

Section 2502.1. Supplemental Payments.—* * *

No union or merged district which is a member of a joint board or organization shall receive supplemental aid on account of such joint board membership. *Children who are in average daily membership in laboratory schools of State-owned colleges shall be included in the computation of teaching units for approved supplemental payments to school districts that are members of a joint school organization or which are union or merged districts.*

The supplemental payments specified for joint board membership shall be made only for organizations established and operated in accordance with standards and regulations prescribed by the State Council of Education and approved by the Department of Public Instruction.

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 561

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 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," further classifying school districts and providing for the reorganization of school districts.

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

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 202, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended May 13, 1949 (P. L. 1332), is amended to read:

Section 202, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended May 13, 1949, P. L. 1332, further amended.

Section 202. Classification.—The several school districts of the Commonwealth are hereby divided into five classes, as follows:

Each school district having a population of one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000), or more, shall be a school district of the first class;

Each school district having a population of five hundred thousand (500,000), or more, but of less than one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000), shall be a school district of the first class A;

Each school district having a population of thirty thousand (30,000), or more, but of less than five hundred thousand (500,000), shall be a school district of the second class;

Each school district having a population of five thousand (5,000), or more, but of less than thirty thousand (30,000), shall be a school district of the third class. *On and after July 1, 1965, each school district having a population of twenty-two thousand (22,000), or more, but of less than thirty thousand (30,000), according to the last preceding decennial United States census, shall be a school district of the third class.*

Each school district having a population of less than five thousand (\$5,000) shall be a school district of the fourth class. *On and after July 1, 1965, any school district having a population of less than twenty-two thousand (22,000) shall be abolished, except those which are constituted and deemed established as school districts in accordance with a plan of organization of administrative units approved by the State Council of Education. Such school districts shall be school districts of the fourth class.*

Sections 261 and 262 of the act repealed.

Section 2. Sections 261 and 262 of the act are hereby repealed.

Article II. of the act, amended by adding a new subdivision (h).

Section 3. Article II. of the act is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

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(h) Reorganization of School Districts.

Section 281. Standards for Organization of Administrative Units.—The State Council of Education on or before January 1, 1962, shall adopt standards for approval of administrative units taking into consideration the following factors: topography, pupil population, socio-economic characteristics, facility of transportation of pupils, utilization of existing school buildings, existing administrative units and potential population changes.

Section 282. Submission of Plans.—Each county board of school directors, on or before January 1, 1963, shall prepare and submit, to the Department of Public Instruction, a plan of organization of administrative units for the county, conforming to the standards for

approval of administrative units adopted by the State Council of Education. No plan of organization of administrative units shall be submitted which violates any written agreement entered into by several school districts for the establishment of a joint school or department, unless the agreement is amended to provide that it shall be discontinued at the time the proposed administrative unit is deemed established as a school district. In preparing its plan, a county board of school directors shall confer with school directors and administrators of all school districts of the county, and may confer with the staff of the Department of Public Instruction and other interested persons. Each plan shall assure the continuity of special education and area technical school programs by providing special education and area technical school attendance areas established in accordance with standards approved by the State Council of Education.

Section 283. Approval of Plans.—When any plan of organization of administrative units for a county is found to conform to the standards for approval of administrative units adopted by the State Council of Education, the Department of Public Instruction shall cause such plan to be placed upon the agenda of the State Council of Education. The State Council of Education shall review all plans placed upon its agenda, and approve such plans as it deems wise in the best interests of the educational system of the Commonwealth. Except in the case of counties of the seventh and eighth classes, no plan of organization of administrative units shall be approved in which any proposed administrative unit contains a pupil population of less than four thousand (4,000), as determined by the average daily membership of such proposed administrative unit for the school year 1960-61, unless where factors of topography, pupil population, socio-economic characteristics, facility of transportation of pupils, utilization of existing school buildings, existing administrative units and potential population changes are considered by the State Council of Education, a plan of organization of administrative units may be approved in which a proposed administrative unit contains a pupil population of less than four thousand (4,000), as determined by the average daily membership of such proposed administrative unit for the school year 1960-61; but in no event, except in counties of the seventh and eighth classes, shall the State Council of Education approve a plan of organization of administrative units in which any proposed administrative unit contains a pupil population of less than two thousand five hundred (2,500), as determined by the average daily

membership of such proposed administrative unit for the school year 1960-61.

Section 284. Disapproval of Plans.—When any plan of organization of administrative units for a county is disapproved by the State Council of Education, it shall be returned to the county board of school directors which submitted the plan for reconsideration, amendment and resubmission in accordance with the recommendations of the State Council of Education.

Section 285. Department of Public Instruction to Prepare Plans.—In the event that no plan of organization of administrative units is approved by the State Council of Education for a county prior to January 1, 1964, the Department of Public Instruction shall prepare and place upon the agenda of the State Council of Education a plan of organization of administrative units for the county. When approved by the State Council of Education, such plan shall be deemed the approved plan of organization of administrative units for the county.

Section 286. Establishment of Reorganized School Districts.—On July 1, 1965, all administrative units contained in plans of organization of administrative units approved by the State Council of Education shall constitute and be deemed established as school districts, and shall belong to the class to which they are entitled as provided by law.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 562

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 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 awarding of additional scholarships.

Public School Code of 1949.

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

Section 1612, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended May 24, 1956, P. L. 1669, further amended.

Section 1. Section 1612, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended May 24, 1956 (P. L. 1669), is amended to read:

Section 1612. State Scholarships for Pupils of Secondary Schools.—(a) For the purpose of assisting