

State Highway
Law.

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

Act of June 1,
1945, P. L.
1242, amended
by adding a new
section 404.1.

Section 1. The act of June 1, 1945 (P. L. 1242), known as the "State Highway Law," is amended by adding, after section 404, a new section to read:

Section 404.1. Prequalifications of Bidders.—The department, after consultation with and receiving the advices of the secretaries of Pennsylvania associations representing highway constructors and other parties in interest who have notified the Secretary of Highways, in writing, of such interest, shall, by regulations, establish and may, from time to time, modify or supplement a system for the qualification of competent and responsible bidders on highway projects and furnish to such secretaries and others in interest copies of such regulations. In determining the qualifications of bidders, the department shall consider the following factors relating to the contractors: (1) equipment, (2) past record, (3) experience, (4) personnel of organization, (5) financial condition. In determining the qualifications of newly organized bidders, the department shall consider the following factors relating to newly organized contractors: (1) equipment, (2) personnel of organization, and (3) financial condition.

The department shall not consider bids from any bidder who is not qualified.

Act effective
immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of September, A. D. 1961.

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No. 650

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," clarifying and changing provisions relating to social studies curriculum.

Public School
Code of 1949.

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

Section 1515, act
of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
repealed.

Section 1. Section 1515, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is repealed absolutely.

Subsection (a),
section 1605 of
the act, amended
April 12, 1956,
P. L. 1459, fur-
ther amended.

Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 1605 of the act, amended April 12, 1956 (P. L. 1459), is amended to read:

Section 1605. Courses of Study.—(a) *In all public, private or parochial schools, there shall be integrated in the social studies curriculum courses of study as provided in this act.* It shall be the duty of the superintendent having supervision over any high school to prepare, and recommend to the board of school directors maintaining the same, suitable courses of study, which shall be adopted by said board of school directors, with such changes as they may deem wise, subject to the provisions of this act. During [the last four years of a complete high school program] *grades seven through twelve inclusive*, there shall be included at least [a] four [semester] *semesters* or equivalent [course of] study in the history and government of that portion of America which has become the United States of America, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of such nature, kind or quality, as to have for its purpose the developing, teaching and presentation of the principles and ideals of the American [Republican Representative] *republican representative* form of government, as portrayed and experienced by the acts and policies of the framers of the Declaration of Independence and framers of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. The [courses of] study [in] *of the history of the United States, including the study of the Constitution of the United States and the study of the history and Constitution of this Commonwealth*, shall also be such as will emphasize the good, worthwhile and best features and points of the social, economic and cultural development, the growth of the American family life, high standard of living of the United States citizen, the privileges enjoyed by such citizens, their heritage and its derivations of and in our principles of government [and having for its purpose also the instilling into every boy and girl coming out of our public schools their solemn duty and obligation to exercise their voting privilege]. *Such instruction shall have for its purpose also the instilling into every boy and girl who comes out of our public, private and parochial schools their solemn duty and obligation to exercise intelligently their voting privilege and to understand the advantages of the American republican form of government as compared with various other forms of government.*

Such instruction shall continue in courses in the State Colleges to an extent to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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