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**LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

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**AN ACT**

To amend article fourteen of an act approved the eighteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws three hundred nine) entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with the provisions by which it shall be administered and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof providing revenue to establish and maintain the same and the method of collecting such revenue and repealing all laws general special or local or any parts thereof that are or may be inconsistent therewith"

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 *article fourteen of an act approved the eighteenth day of*  
5 *May one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws*  
6 *three hundred nine) entitled "An act to establish a pub-*

1 lic school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to-  
2 gether with the provisions by which it shall be admin-  
3 istered and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof  
4 providing revenue to establish and maintain the same and  
5 the method of collecting such revenue and repealing all  
6 laws general special or local or any parts thereof that  
7 are or may be inconsistent therewith" is hereby amended  
8 by adding thereto the following section

9 Section 1441 The court of common pleas of each  
10 county containing school districts of the third and fourth  
11 classes shall appoint a county attendance officer for such  
12 county for a term of four years at a monthly salary of  
13 not less than one hundred dollars during the calendar  
14 year and necessary traveling expenses to be paid by the  
15 county commissioners of the respective counties out of the  
16 county treasury Such county attendance officer shall be eli-  
17 gible for reappointment and may be removed from office  
18 by the appointing power for incompetency immorality or  
19 failure to perform his duties He shall have all the pow-  
20 ers and perform all the duties enumerated in sections one  
21 thousand four hundred thirty-two to one thousand four hun-  
22 dred thirty-eight inclusive of the act to which this is an  
23 amendment The jurisdiction of the county attendance officer  
24 shall extend only over school districts of the third and  
25 fourth classes and all local attendance officers provided for  
26 in sections one thousand four hundred thirty-two to one  
27 thousand four hundred thirty-eight of said act shall per-  
28 form their duties subject to the general direction and  
29 control of the county attendance officer Such officer shall

1 upon receiving a report from the county or assistant  
2 county superintendent district superintendent supervisor super-  
3 vising principal school principal teacher school director or  
4 citizen of the school district concerning the destruction or  
5 defacing of any school grounds buildings or property, or  
6 from non-attendance of pupils as required by law or for  
7 incorrigibility or insubordination of any child while in the  
8 care of the teacher or for disturbance by any person at  
9 any public school gathering investigate such report and if  
10 found true and correct shall cause the arrest of any  
11 such offenders and prosecute the same through the courts  
12 of justice The costs of any such legal proceedings shall  
13 be paid out of the treasury of the school district in  
14 which such offender resides The county commissioners of  
15 each such county shall provide furnish and maintain fit and  
16 suitable office rooms at the county-seat for the use of  
17 the county attendance officer and shall also provide for  
18 the use of such attendance officer all necessary blanks  
19 stationery postage and all else that he may require for  
20 the necessary performance of his duties