

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **960** Session of
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. SWEITZER, MARCH 17, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
MARCH 18, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend section one thousand four hundred and six of an act approved the eighteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws three hundred and 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 section one thousand four hundred and six of an act
5 approved the eighteenth day of May one thousand nine

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2 entitled "An act to establish a public school system in
3 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with the pro-
4 visions by which it shall be administered and prescribing
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6 tablish and maintain the same and the method of col-
7 lecting such revenue and repealing all laws general special
8 or local or any parts thereof that are or may be in-
9 consistent therewith" which reads as follows

10 "Section 1406 The board of school directors of any
11 school district in this Commonwealth may on account of
12 the small number of pupils in attendance or the condi-
13 tion of the then existing school building or for the
14 purpose of better gradation and classification or for econ-
15 omical or other reasons close and consolidate any one
16 or more of the public schools in its district and upon
17 such school or schools being so closed the pupils who
18 belong to the same shall be assigned to other schools
19 Provided that in any district of the fourth class pupils
20 who belong to any such closed school and reside one
21 and a half miles or more from the school to which
22 they are assigned shall be furnished proper transportation
23 at the expense of the district to and from the school
24 to which they are assigned" is hereby amended to read
25 as follows

26 Section 1406 The board of school directors of any
27 school district in this Commonwealth may on account of
28 the small number of pupils in attendance or the condi-
29 tion of the then existing school building or for the

1 purpose of better gradation and classification or for econ-
2 omical or other reasons close and consolidate any one or
3 more of the public school in its district and upon such
4 school or schools being so closed the pupils who belong
5 to the same shall be assigned to other schools Provided
6 that whenever the average term attendance of pupils reg-
7 ularly enrolled at any one-room school in any school
8 district of the fourth class is ten or less than ten
9 the board of school directors shall close such school and
10 provide proper transportation for the pupils of such
11 closed school to and from the nearest or most convenient
12 school to which the pupils shall be assigned If the
13 board of school directors do not deem it feasible to
14 close such school they may present their petition to the
15 State Board of Education showing the reasons why such
16 school should not be closed thereupon the State Board
17 of Education shall consider such petition and shall make
18 such order as may seem just in the premises Provided
19 further that in any district of the fourth class pupils
20 who belong to any such closed school shall not have
21 transportation provided if they reside less than one and
22 one-half miles by the public road from the school to
23 which they are assigned Provided further that in any
24 district of the fourth class pupils who belong to any
25 such closed school and reside one and a half miles or
26 more from the school to which they are assigned shall
27 be furnished proper transportation at the expense of the
28 district to and from the school to which they are as-
29 signed except in case where schools are closed because

1 there are ten or less than ten pupils regularly enrolled
2 in which case one-half of the cost of such transportation
3 not to exceed one dollar per diem per pupil shall be
4 paid by the Commonwealth provision for which shall be
5 made by separate appropriation in the general appropria-
6 tion act