
LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**No.****1055****Session of
1919.**

INTRODUCED BY MR. LANIUS, MARCH 24, 1919.

**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
MARCH 25, 1919.**

AN ACT

To amend section one thousand four hundred and thirteen 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" by providing for the special education of certain children incapable of receiving proper education in the regular classes of the public schools

- 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*

1 section one thousand four hundred and thirteen of the
2 act approved the eighteenth day of May one thousand
3 nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws three hundred
4 and nine) entitled "An act to establish a public school
5 system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with
6 the provision by which it shall be administered and pre-
7 scribing penalties for the violation thereof providing revenue
8 to establish and maintain the same and the method of
9 collecting such revenue and repealing all laws general spe-
10 cial or local or any parts thereof that are or may
11 be inconsistent therewith" which reads as follows

12 "Section 1413 It shall be the duty of the county or
13 district superintendent attendance officer or secretary of the
14 board of school directors in every school district in this
15 Commonwealth to report to the medical inspector of the
16 school district every blind deaf or mentally deficient child
17 in the district between the ages of eight (8) and six-
18 teen (16) years who is not being properly educated and
19 trained The medical inspector of the school district shall
20 examine such child and report to the board of school
21 directors whether it is a fit subject for education and
22 training If the child is reported to be a fit subject
23 for education and training but cannot be properly edu-
24 cated and trained in the public schools of the district
25 the board of school directors shall secure for it proper
26 education and training Provided That when it is necessary
27 to educate or train such children outside of the public
28 schools their parents or guardians shall if able to do
29 so pay to the district the expense necessarily incurred by

1 it in educating and training the same And provided further
2 That any child who is reported by the medical inspector
3 of the school district not to be a fit subject for edu-
4 cation and training shall be exempt from the provisions
5 of this act" is hereby amended to read as follows

6 Section 1413 It shall be the duty of every county
7 superintendent and every district superintendent in this Com-
8 monwealth in accordance with rules of procedure prescribed
9 by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Com-
10 missioner of Health with the approval of the State Board
11 of Education to secure information on or before the first
12 day of October of each year as to every child in each
13 district within the jurisdiction of said county or district
14 superintendent between the ages of eight (8) and sixteen
15 (16) years who because of exceptional physical or mental
16 condition is gravely retarded in his or her school work
17 or is not being properly educated and trained and as
18 soon thereafter as possible to determine and report to
19 the board of school directors of each district whether such
20 child in said district is a fit subject for special edu-
21 cation and training

22 If any such child is reported to be a fit subject
23 for special education and training the board of school di-
24 rectors of the district shall provide for such child proper
25 education and training in special classes of the public
26 schools or in special public schools Provided however That
27 if in the opinion of the State Board of Education it
28 is not feasible to form a special class with a minimum
29 attendance of ten children in any district or if for any

1 other reason it is not feasible to provide such education
2 for any such child in the public schools of the district
3 the board of school directors of that district may secure
4 such proper education and training outside the public school
5 of the district on terms and conditions not inconsistent
6 with the terms of this act or of any other act then
7 in force applicable to such children

8 School districts maintaining special classes in the public
9 schools or special public schools or providing special edu-
10 cation as hereinbefore specified in this section shall re-
11 ceive reimbursement as hereinafter provided so long as such
12 classes such schools and such special education are ap-
13 proved by the State Board of Education as to location
14 constitution and size of classes conditions of admission and
15 discharge of pupils equipment courses of study methods of
16 instruction and qualification of teachers

17 The State Superintendent of Public Instruction may des-
18 ignate any member of his staff as an inspector of such
19 classes

20 On or before the first day of October of each year
21 the president and secretary of each board of school di-
22 rectors shall report to the proper county or district su-
23 perintendent the amount expended by the district in the
24 preceding school year for instruction in such classes or
25 such schools or for such instruction outside the public
26 schools of the district On or before the first day of
27 November of each year the said county or district super-
28 intendent shall make to the Superintendent of Public In-
29 struction on blanks to be furnished by him tabulated re-

1 turns by districts of the amounts so expended in the
2 maintenance of special classes or special schools within the
3 school district or in the provision of special education
4 outside the public schools of the district The Superin-
5 tendent of Public Instruction shall pay on requisition of
6 the Auditor General upon the State Treasurer to each
7 district an amount equal to one-half the total expense
8 incurred by said district in the maintenance of such
9 special classes and special public schools and in the pro-
10 vision of such special education outside the public schools
11 of the district