

## **Report of the Committee of Conference on Senate Bill No. 716**

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To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned, Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 716, entitled: "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."

Respectfully submit the following bill as our report:

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# 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

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

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2 as the "Public School Code of 1949" is repealed absolutely

3 Section 2 Subsection (a) of section 1605 of the act amended April  
4 12 1956 (P L 1459) is amended to read

5 Section 1605 Courses of Study (a) In all public private or parochial  
6 schools there shall be integrated in the social studies curriculum courses  
7 of study as provided in this act It shall be the duty of the superintend-  
8 ent having supervision over any high school to prepare and recommend  
9 to the board of school directors maintaining the same suitable courses  
10 of study which shall be adopted by said board of school directors with  
11 such changes as they may deem wise subject to the provisions of this

1 act During [the last four years of a complete high school program]  
2 grades seven through twelve inclusive there shall be included at least  
3 [a] four [semester] semesters or equivalent [course of] study in the  
4 history and government of that portion of America which has become  
5 the United States of America and of the Commonwealth of Pennsyl-  
6 vania of such nature kind or quality as to have for its purpose the de-  
7 veloping teaching and presentation of the principles and ideals of the  
8 American [Republican Representative] republican representative form  
9 of government as portrayed and experienced by the acts and policies of  
10 the framers of the Declaration of Independence and framers of the  
11 Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights The [courses  
12 of] study [in] of the history of the United States including the study  
13 of the Constitution of the United States and the study of the history  
14 and Constitution of this Commonwealth shall also be such as will  
15 emphasize the good worthwhile and best features and points of the  
16 social economic and cultural development the growth of the American  
17 family life high standard of living of the United States citizen the  
18 privileges enjoyed by such citizens their heritage and its derivations of  
19 and in our principles of government [and having for its purpose also  
20 the instilling into every boy and girl coming out of our public schools]

1 [their solemn duty and obligation to exercise their voting privilege]  
2 Such instruction shall have for its purpose also the instilling into every  
3 boy and girl who comes out of our public private and parochial schools  
4 their solemn duty and obligation to exercise intelligently their voting  
5 privilege and to understand the advantages of the American republi-  
6 can form of government as compared with various other forms of  
7 government

8 Such instruction shall continue in courses in the State Colleges  
9 to an extent to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruc-  
10 tion

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We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The ..... day of ..... A. D. 1961.

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Governor