
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **197** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. SEYLER, WEINER, STROUP AND
BERGER, FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

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" providing for special and summer classes for children of migrant laborers requiring the filing of certain reports and making an appropriation

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

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Section 1 Subsection (b) of section 925 act of March 10 1949 (P I.
2 30) known as the "Public School Code of 1949" is amended by adding
3 at the end thereof a new clause to read

4 Section 925 Powers and Duties * * *

5 (b) The county board of school directors in respect to second third
6 and fourth class school districts within the county or adjoining counties
7 shall have power and its duty shall be

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9 (11) To estimate and file with the Department of Public Instruction
10 the cost of transportation classes and schools for children of migrant
11 laborers on or before the first day of February of each year

12 Section 2 Section 1327 of the act amended April 22 1959 (P I.
13 50) is amended to read

14 Section 1327 Compulsory School Attendance Every child of com-
15 pulsory school age having a legal residence in this Commonwealth as
16 provided in this article and every migratory child of compulsory school
17 age is required to attend a day school in which the subjects and activi-
18 ties prescribed by the State Council of Education are taught in the
19 English language In lieu of such school attendance any child fifteen
20 years of age with the approval of the chief public school administrator

1 of the administrative unit where the child resides if such is employed
2 otherwise the county superintendent of schools and the approval of the
3 Superintendent of Public Instruction and any child sixteen years of
4 age with the approval of the chief public school administrator of the
5 administrative unit where the child resides if such is employed other-
6 wise the county superintendent of schools may enroll as a day student
7 in a private trade school or in a private business school licensed by
8 the Department of Public Instruction or in a trade or business school
9 or department operated by a local school district or districts or by the
10 county board of school directors Such modified program offered in a
11 public school must meet the standards prescribed by the State Council
12 of Education or the State Board of Vocational Education Every parent
13 guardian or other person having control or charge of any child or chil-
14 dren of compulsory school age is required to send such child or children
15 to a day school in which the subjects and activities prescribed by the
16 State Council of Education are taught in the English language Such
17 parent guardian or other person having control or charge of any child
18 or children fifteen or sixteen years of age in accordance with the pro-
19 visions of this act may send such child or children to a private trade
20 school or private business school licensed by the State Department of

1 Public Instruction or to a trade or business school or department oper-
2 ated by a local school district or districts or by the county board of
3 school directors Such modified program offered in a public school must
4 meet the standards prescribed by the State Council of Education or
5 the State Board of Vocational Education Such child or children shall
6 attend such school continuously through the entire term during which
7 the public schools in their respective districts shall be in session or in
8 cases of [migratory] children of migrant laborers during the time the
9 schools are in session in the districts in which such children are tem-
10 porarily domiciled The financial responsibility for the education of such
11 [migratory] children of migrant laborers shall remain with the school
12 district in which such [migratory] children of migrant laborers are
13 temporarily domiciled except in the case of special schools or classes
14 conducted by the county board of school directors and approved by the
15 Department of Public Instruction The certificate of any principal or
16 teacher of a private school or of any institution for the education of
17 children in which the subjects and activities prescribed by the State
18 Council of Education are taught in the English language setting forth
19 that the work of said school is in compliance with the provisions of this

1 act shall be sufficient and satisfactory evidence thereof Regular daily
2 instruction in the English language for the time herein required by a
3 properly qualified private tutor shall be considered as complying with
4 the provisions of this section if such instruction is satisfactory to the
5 proper county or district superintendent of schools

6 Section 3 The act is amended by adding after section 2509.1 a new
7 section to read

8 Section 2509.2 Payment on Account of Transportation Classes and
9 Schools for Children of Migrant Laborers Annually before the first
10 day of February every county board of school directors planning to
11 conduct summer classes or schools for children of migrant laborers and
12 the extension of established summer classes beyond the opening of the
13 fall term such extensions being for not more than forty school days
14 shall submit for prior review and approval by the Department of Public
15 Instruction an estimate of the cost of summer classes or schools for
16 children of migrant laborers to be operated by the county board during
17 the ensuing school year and for transportation of pupils to and from
18 summer classes and schools for children of migrant laborers whether

1 conducted by the county board or conducted by an institution or school
2 district employed by the county board for such purpose

3 On or before the first day of July the Commonwealth shall pay to
4 the county board of school directors a sum equal to the approved esti-
5 mated annual cost of operation of the planned summer classes or schools
6 and transportation for children of migrant laborers. At the end of each
7 school year all unexpended funds shall be credited to Commonwealth
8 payments due for the succeeding school year on account of the operation
9 of such classes or upon direction of the Superintendent of Public In-
10 struction shall be returned to the Commonwealth

11 Section 4 The sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or as much
12 thereof as may be necessary is hereby specifically appropriated to the
13 Department of Public Instruction to pay expenses necessary to carry
14 out the provisions of this act

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