
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **688** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. HAYS, SEYLER, WAGNER, SILVERT,
SHAFFER, STROUP AND KALMAN, MAY 24, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 24, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9 1929 (P L 177) entitled "An act providing:

for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments boards commissions and officers thereof including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools or Teachers Colleges abolishing creating reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments boards and commissions defining the powers and

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.

duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers and of the several administrative departments boards commissions and officers fixing salaries of the Governor Lieutenant Governor and certain other executive and administrative officers providing for the appointment of certain administrative departments boards and commissions and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments boards and commissions shall be determined" providing for the composition and organization of the State Council of Education

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

1 Section 1 The act of April 9 1929 (P L 177) known as "The Ad-
2 ministrative Code of 1929" as amended is amended by adding after sec-
3 tion 304 a new section to read

4 Section 305 State Council of Education (a) The State Council of
5 Education shall consist of fifteen (15) members who shall be appointed
6 by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of all
7 the members of the Senate and who shall except as hereinafter provided

1 hold office for terms of ten years each Of the six (6) members initially
2 chosen to increase the membership of the present council to fifteen (15)
3 one (1) shall be appointed for a term of seven years one (1) for a term
4 of nine years and two (2) for a term of ten years At the expiration of the
5 terms of office of the present members of the council the appointments
6 of successors shall be made for terms of ten years or less so that one (1)
7 member's term of office shall expire in every odd-numbered year and
8 two (2) members' terms shall expire every even-numbered year At no
9 time shall more than three (3) persons employed in the public school
10 system or by any educational institution hold membership in the council
11 All persons presently holding membership in the council shall continue
12 in office for the remainder of their respective terms A vacancy occurring
13 during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the appointment
14 of a successor in the same manner as his predecessor was appointed
15 (b) Members of the council shall serve without compensation except
16 that they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
17 actual performance of their duties
18 (c) The council shall organize itself every two (2) years by electing
19 from among its members a President who shall be its presiding officer
20 and a vice-president to act in the absence of the president

1 (d) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be the chief
2 executive officer of the council and its secretary He or his designated
3 representative shall have the right to attend all meetings of the council
4 or of any committee established by the council but shall have no right
5 to vote on any matter

6 (e) The council shall establish a committee to be known as the
7 "Committee on Higher Education" which shall be composed of five (5)
8 of its members no more than one (1) of whom shall be employed by an
9 institution of higher education The committee shall give prior considera-
10 tion and make all recommendations to the council on all matters related
11 to higher education

12 (f) The council for the expedient conduct of its affairs may organize
13 itself into as many other committees composed of as many other of its
14 members as it deems appropriate and may assign such other subjects to
15 its committees as it determines Committees shall have the power to meet
16 separately and to make recommendations but no committees shall have
17 the power to bind the council on any matter

18 (g) The council may establish advisory committees composed of
19 persons who are not members of the council and who serve without

1 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually
2 incurred in the performance of their duties Advisory committees may
3 conduct such studies and investigations and make recommendations on
4 such matters as are assigned to them by the council

5 (h) The council shall act on all matters before it by a majority vote
6 of the members present Nine (9) members of the council shall constitute
7 a quorum

8 (i) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall furnish upon the
9 request of the council such administrative assistance as the Council may
10 from time to time require

11 Section 2 This act shall take effect on July 1 1962

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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