

collected by him, as may be determined by the said county commissioners.

Maintenance of office.

Expenses.

Section 2. Any tax collector so appointed shall maintain an office in the city for which he was appointed, located at a place approved by the county commissioners, and shall employ such clerical assistance as may be necessary for the proper accommodation of the tax-payers of said city. The expenses of the maintenance of said office, and the employment of the necessary clerks and assistants, shall be paid by either the tax collector out of the compensation received by him from the county, or shall be paid by the county, as may be determined by the county commissioners. In no event, however, shall the total cost of the compensation of the collector, and the expense of the maintenance of an office, and the employment of clerks and assistants, exceed five per centum of the amount of taxes collected.

This an alternate system.

Section 3. It is the true meaning and intent of this act that it shall not repeal any existing law providing for the appointment and compensation of tax collectors, but shall be an alternate system for the collection of State and county taxes, to be used in lieu of the existing system, at the discretion of the county commissioners of each individual county where State and county taxes are now collected, in cities of the third class, by collectors appointed by the county commissioners.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 46.

AN ACT

To amend section one thousand four hundred 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," as amended; making further provision for the special education of certain children incapable of receiving proper education in the regular classes of the public schools.

Section 1413, act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 309), as amended by act of July 22, 1919, (P. L. 1090), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand four hundred 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," as amended by an act approved the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand ninety), entitled "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," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1413. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the school board, teachers, *school enumerators*, and attendance officers, in every school district in this Commonwealth, in accordance with rules of procedure prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to secure information and report to the medical inspector of the school district and to the district or county superintendent of schools, on or before the fifteenth day of October of each year, every child within said district, between the ages of eight (8) and sixteen (16) years, who is gravely retarded in his or her school work, or *any child between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16)* who, because of apparent exceptional physical or mental condition, is not being properly educated and trained, and as soon thereafter as possible, the medical inspector shall examine such child, in accordance with rules of procedure prescribed by the [Commissioner] *Secretary of Health*, and report whether such child is a fit subject for special education and training. In school districts of the first, second, and third class, having a district superintendent of schools, said report shall be made to the superintendent of the district. In all other districts, the report shall be made to the [Commissioner] *Secretary of Health* and by him reported to the superintendent of schools of the county. *Pupils may also be designated as candidates for special education by mental clinics approved by the Council of Education,*

Report of children
needing special ed-
ucation.

By officers of
school districts.

By mental clinics
or psychologist.

or by a psychologist or a psychological examiner who has been certified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and is employed by any school district.

Plans for schools.

The county or district superintendent of schools shall submit to the board or boards of school directors plans for establishing and maintaining special classes in the public schools or special public schools for the proper education and training of all such children reported to him as fit subjects for special education and training, and it shall be the duty of the board of directors of any district having such children to provide and maintain, or to jointly provide and maintain with neighboring districts, such special classes or schools: Provided, however, That if it is not feasible to form a special class with a minimum attendance of ten children in any district, or if for any other reason it is not feasible to provide such education for any such child in the public schools of the district, the board of school directors of that district shall, [if the parents or guardians of said child give written consent] *unless approved provision for the education of such child is made by the parents or guardian*, secure such proper education and training outside the public schools of the district, or in special institutions, or by providing for teaching the child in his home by a *legally certified teacher*, on terms and conditions not inconsistent with the terms of this act or of any other act then in force applicable to such children.

Joint schools.

Special provision
for such children.

Reimbursement for
special classes or
schools.

School districts maintaining special classes in the public schools or special public schools or providing special education, as hereinbefore specified in this section, shall receive reimbursement, as [hereinafter] provided *by law*, so long as such classes, such schools, and such special education are approved by the State [Board] *Council* of Education as to location, constitution and size of classes, conditions of admission and discharge of pupils, equipment, courses of study, methods of instruction, and qualifications of teachers.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall superintend the organization of such *special classes and such other arrangements for special education*, and shall enforce the provisions of this act.

[On or before the first day of October of each year, the president and secretary of each board of school directors shall report to the proper county or district superintendent the amount expended by the district in the preceding school year for instruction in such classes or such schools or for such instruction outside the public schools of the district. On or before the first day of November of each year, the said county or district superintendent shall make to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on blanks to be furnished by him, tabulated returns by districts of the amounts so expended for instruction in special classes

or special schools within the school district or in the provision of special instruction outside the public schools of the district. There shall be paid to each district by order on the State Treasurer, signed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, from] [funds to be appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, an amount equal to one-half the total expense incurred by said district for instruction in such special classes and special public schools and in the provision of such special instruction outside the public schools of the district.]

On or before the first day of October of each year, the secretary of the board of school directors in each district in which special education for physically or mentally handicapped children is provided shall make such reports in regard to such special education maintained during the previous school year, and that for which the approval of the State Council of Education for the current year is desired, as may be required by the Department of Public Instruction. When any child between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years of age resident in this Commonwealth, who is blind or deaf, is enrolled, with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction, as a pupil in any of the schools or institutions for the blind or deaf, under the supervision of and approved by the Department of Public Instruction, the school district in which such child is resident shall pay twenty-five per centum (25%) of the cost of tuition and maintenance of such child in such school or institution, as determined by the Department of Public Instruction; and for the tuition and maintenance of such children the Commonwealth shall pay, out of funds appropriated to the department for special education, seventy-five per centum (75%) of the cost of their tuition and maintenance, as determined by the department. When any person less than six (6) or more than twenty-one (21) years of age resident in this Commonwealth, who is blind or deaf, is enrolled, with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction, as a pupil in any of the schools or institutions for the blind or deaf, under the supervision of and approved by the Department of Public Instruction, the Commonwealth shall pay to such school or institution, out of moneys appropriated to the department for special education, the cost of tuition and maintenance of such person, as determined by the Department of Public Instruction. To facilitate payments by the several school districts, to the schools or institutions in which deaf or blind children are enrolled, of amounts due by such districts for their proportion of the cost of tuition and maintenance of such children, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall withhold, from any moneys due to such districts out of any State appropriation for the assistance as reim-

Reports.

Blind or deaf children. Payment of tuition and maintenance.

By school district.

By Commonwealth

Payment to schools by Commonwealth.

Withholding share of districts from State appropriation.

Payment made
quarterly.

Statements from
institutions.

bursement of school districts, the amounts due by such districts to such schools or institutions for the blind or the deaf, and amounts so withheld shall be paid to such schools or institutions by warrant of the Auditor General upon the State Treasurer, after requisition of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for which purpose all amounts so withheld are hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction. Payments of the Commonwealth's proportion of the cost of tuition and maintenance of blind or deaf pupils enrolled in schools or institutions for the blind or for the deaf, as hereinbefore provided, shall be made quarterly out of moneys appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for special education, by warrant of the Auditor General upon the State Treasurer, after requisition by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. For the purpose of enabling the Department of Public Instruction to determine from time to time what amounts are due to schools for the blind or for the deaf hereunder, such schools shall forward to the department, at such times and in such form as the department shall prescribe, sworn statements setting forth the names, ages, and residences of all pupils enrolled hereunder, specifying the school districts liable for a part of the cost of tuition and maintenance of any such pupils, the per capita cost of and maintenance of pupils, and such other information as the department shall require.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 47.

AN ACT

To amend section one thousand four hundred and forty 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"; making provisions for assistance to blind and to deaf students in certain schools and institutions.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand four hundred and forty 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