

the public elementary schools in their respective districts shall be in session: Provided, That the certificate of any principal or teacher of a private school, or of any institution for the education of children, in which the common English branches are taught if the English language, setting forth that the work of said school is in compliance with the provisions of this act, shall be sufficient and satisfactory evidence thereof. Regular daily instruction in the English language, for the time herein required, by a properly qualified private tutor, shall be considered as complying with the provisions of this section, if such instruction is satisfactory to the proper county or district superintendent of schools:

Provido.

Private School.

Private tutor.

Provided further, That the board of school directors in any district of the fourth class may, at a meeting held at any time before the opening of the school term, reduce the period of compulsory attendance for pupils [twelve] *fourteen* years of age or more to not less than seventy per centum of the school term as fixed in such district, in which case, however, the board of school directors must, at the same time, fix the period for the compulsory attendance to begin.

Provido.

APPROVED—The 4th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 96.

AN ACT

To amend section two of an act, approved the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred twelve), entitled "An act providing for the payment of the costs incurred in the trial of convicts and prisoners escaping, or attempting to escape, from the several penitentiaries and reformatories of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the respective counties from whose courts the said escaping convicts or prisoners have been committed; and providing for the maintenance of such convicts under sentence for escape, et cetera," by providing that the cost of transporting escaped prisoners from the place of capture to the penitentiary or reformatory, and the cost of maintaining said prisoners in the county jail while awaiting trial for said escape shall be borne by the county from whose courts the said prisoners shall have been originally committed.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of an act, approved the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred and twelve), entitled "An act providing for the payment of the costs incurred in the trial of convicts and prisoners escaping, or attempting to escape, from the several penitentiaries and reformatories of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the respective counties from whose courts the said escap-

Escaped convicts
or prisoners.

Section 2 of act
of July 22, 1913
(P. L. 912),
amended.

ing convicts or prisoners have been committed; and providing for the maintenance of such convicts under sentence for escape, et cetera," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Cost of transporting, maintenance and trial.

Section 2. *The cost of transporting escaped prisoners from the place of capture to the penitentiary or reformatory after being sentenced for such escape; the cost of maintenance while confined in the county jail awaiting trial for said escape, as well as the costs of the trial for escape or breaking away of convicts and prisoners from the several penitentiaries and reformatories of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or the violation by said convicts and prisoners of any or all of the penal statutes relating to escape, shall in each instance be borne and paid by the respective counties of the Commonwealth from whose courts the said convicts shall have been originally committed to the said penitentiaries or reformatories.*

APPROVED—The 4th day of April, A. D. 1925.

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No. 97.

AN ACT

Consolidating into one special fund in the State Treasury all separate funds set apart in the State Treasury for the use of the Board of Fish Commissioners, formerly the Department of Fisheries; specifying the purposes for which the moneys in the said fund may be used; and appropriating such moneys to the Board of Fish Commissioners for the purposes specified.

Fish Fund.

Consolidation of certain separate funds.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all moneys in the several separate funds in the State Treasury, set apart to be used solely under the direction of the Board of Fish Commissioners, formerly known as the Department of Fisheries, are hereby consolidated into one special fund to be known as the "Fish Fund," and all fees, fines, and other moneys payable into any of said separate funds under any act of Assembly shall hereafter be paid into the Fish Fund.

Purposes of fund.

Section 2. The moneys which may be from time to time in said Fish Fund, not exceeding, however, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in any one fiscal year, shall be used solely under the direction of the Board of Fish Commissioners for the following purposes: (a) The payment of the salaries, wages, or other compensation of the Commissioner of Fisheries and such deputies, directors, superintendents, bureau or division chiefs, experts, scientists, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, accountants, secretaries, auditors, inspectors, examiners, statisticians, clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers, messengers, fish wardens, laborers,