

erection and maintenance of stop and go signal lights, blinkers or other like traffic control devices.

APPROVED—The 1st day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 370

AN ACT

HB 1273

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2017), entitled "An act creating in each county (except of the first class) as a separate corporation, and in each city of the first and second class as a part of the city government, an institution district for the care and maintenance of certain indigent persons and children; prescribing the powers and duties of county commissioners, county treasurers, city departments of public welfare, the State Department of Welfare and the State Department of Public Assistance in respect thereto; abolishing certain poor districts and terminating the terms of directors, overseers, guardians and managers of the poor and poor district auditors, and providing for the temporary employment of certain of them; providing for the transfer, vesting, sale and disposition of the property of poor districts and the payment of their obligations; imposing certain existing obligations on institution districts and on the Commonwealth; regulating the affairs of poor districts until abolished; revising, amending, changing and consolidating the law relating to the care of the poor; and repealing existing laws," changing provisions relating to the providing of welfare services by local authorities to children and providing for payments on account of children to the Department of Public Welfare.

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

Section 1. Section 405, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2017), known as the "County Institution District Law," amended August 7, 1961 (P. L. 938), is amended to read:

Section 405. Powers and Duties of Local Authorities As to Children.—The local authorities of any institution district shall have the power, and for the purpose of protecting and promoting the welfare of children and youth, it shall be their duty to provide those child welfare services designed to keep children in their own home, prevent neglect, abuse and exploitation, help overcome problems that result in dependency, neglect or delinquency, [and] to provide in foster family homes or child caring institutions adequate substitute care for [dependent or neglected children, whether or not such children have been adjudicated as neglected or dependent,] any child in need of such care and, upon the request of the court, to provide such service and care for children and youth who have been adjudicated dependent, neglected or delinquent.

No child under the age of sixteen years shall, unless he is mentally or physically handicapped, and no other care is available for him, be admitted to, or maintained in, an institution conducted by the local authorities other than a hospital or sanitarium.

Section 2. Section 411 of the act, added August 7, 1961 (P. L. 938), is amended to read:

Section 411. Payments by Local Authorities for Assistance.—The local authorities shall pay monthly to the Department of Public Welfare, as such local authorities payment for assistance, the amount expended by the department during the preceding month as assistance on behalf of patients receiving public nursing home care in a medical institution of their county institution district, and on behalf of children in foster family homes and child-caring institutions, plus the cost of administering such assistance, minus the amount of Federal funds properly received or to be received by the Department of Public Welfare on account of such expenditures, increased or reduced, as the case may be, by any amount by which the sum paid for any previous month differed from the amount which should have been paid for such previous month and by the proportionate share of refunds for such assistance. As provided in the "Public Assistance Law," the Department of Public Welfare shall certify to the local authorities the amount to be paid by them to the department.

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No. 371

AN ACT

HB 1274

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further prescribing powers and duties of county commissioners with regard to children and providing for payments on account of children to the Department of Public Welfare.

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

Section 1. Section 2168, act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," amended July 31, 1963 (P. L. 372), is amended to read: