

number of days specified in subsection (b) of this section, together with ten cents per mile in going to and returning from such meeting. The [twenty dollars (\$20)] thirty-five dollars (\$35) per day expense allowance shall be paid for each day not in excess of two in going to and returning from such meeting.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect the first Monday of January, 1966.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 467

AN ACT

SB 196

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 the payment of salaries of professional and temporary professional employes in cases of sickness or accidental injury in administrative units, permitting school boards to grant additional leaves of absence without pay to professional employes in cases of sickness or accidental injury and further regulating absences for attending funerals.

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

Section 1. Clause (a) of section 1154, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July 18, 1957 (P. L. 1003), is amended to read:

Section 1154. Payment of Salaries in Cases of Sickness, Injury or Death.—

(a) In any school year whenever a professional or temporary professional employe is prevented by illness or accidental injury from following his or her occupation, the school district shall pay to said employe for each day of absence, the full salary to which the employe may be entitled as if said employe were actually engaged in the performance of duty for a period of ten days. Such leave shall be cumulative from year to year, but shall not exceed thirty (30) days leave with full pay in any one year. No employe's salary shall be paid if the accidental injury is incurred while the employe is engaged in remunerative work unrelated to school duties.

Whenever the boards of school directors of two or more school districts may establish any joint elementary public school, high school or department, or whenever two or more school districts shall merge or form a union school district or administrative unit in accordance with the provisions of sections 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296 and 297 of this act, the professional or temporary professional employes employed by the several boards of school directors establishing such joint school or department or merged or union school district or administrative unit shall be entitled to the sick leave accumulated in the individual school districts subsequently establishing such joint school or department or merged or union school district or administrative unit.

The board of school directors may require the employe to furnish a certificate from a physician or other practitioner certifying that said employe was unable to perform his or her duties during the period of absence for which compensation is required to be paid under this section.

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Section 2. Clause (c) and (e) of section 1154 of the act, amended May 24, 1951 (P. L. 368), are amended to read :

Section 1154. Payment of Salaries in Cases of Sickness, Injury or Death.—

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(c) Whenever a professional or temporary professional employe is absent because of the death of a near relative, there shall be no deduction in the salary of said employe for absence on the day of the funeral. The board of school directors may extend the period of absence with pay in its discretion as the exigencies of the case may warrant. A near relative shall be defined as a first cousin, grandfather, grandmother, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law.

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(e) Any board of school directors may adopt rules or regulations pertaining to the payment of salaries of employes when absent from duty, extending the period of leave with or without pay in excess of that herein provided, or authorizing leaves with pay for other purposes. This act is not intended to repeal any rule or regulation of any board of school directors now in effect which does provide for such additional compensation or additional period of leave with pay.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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