

(4) To employ temporary professional and professional employes, supervisors and teachers, and to employ all other persons necessary to carry on education and training for [handicapped] exceptional children and to determine the salaries to be paid. All employes so employed shall have the same rights of membership in the Public School Employes' Retirement Association as employes of school districts.

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Section 3. Subsection (b) of section 925 of the act is amended by adding after clause (4), a new clause to read:

Section 925. Powers and Duties.—

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(b) The county board of school directors in respect to second, third and fourth class school districts within the county or adjoining counties shall have power and its duty shall be—

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(4.1) To admit, at its discretion, to such classes and schools for exceptional children, children residing in districts of other classes on the request of the board of school directors or board of public education of the district in which such children reside.

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

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No. 488

AN ACT

SB 1185

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," making provisions for exceptional children.

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

Section 1. Section 2509.1, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended November 9, 1959 (P. L. 1392) and December 18, 1959 (P. L. 1940), is amended to read:

Section 2509.1. Payment on Account of Transportation, Classes and Schools for [Handicapped] Exceptional and Institutionalized Children.—

Annually, before the first day of July, every county board of school directors shall submit, for prior review and approval by the Department of Public Instruction, an estimate of the cost of operating and administering classes or schools for [handicapped] exceptional and institutionalized children, including the cost of such fiscal controls as auditing and necessary treasurer's and secretary's bonds to be operated by the county board during the ensuing school year, and for transportation of pupils to and from classes and schools for [handicapped] exceptional children, whether or not conducted by the county board. On or before the first day of August, the Commonwealth shall pay to the county board of school directors a sum equal to one-half of the approved estimated annual cost of operation and administration of classes and schools for [handicapped] exceptional and institutionalized children and transportation for [handicapped] exceptional children and, on or before the first day of January, shall pay an equal sum, or a lesser sum as may be shown to be necessary by an adjusted budget based upon expenditures during the first half of the school term. At the end of each school year all unexpended funds shall be credited to Commonwealth. Payments due for the succeeding school year on account of the operation of such classes or upon direction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be returned to the Commonwealth. All such funds returned are hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for support of schools and classes, and transportation for [handicapped] exceptional children. For each child enrolled in any special class or school for [handicapped] exceptional children operated by a county board of school directors, the school district in which the child is resident shall pay to the Commonwealth a sum equal to the "tuition charge per elementary pupil" or the "tuition charge per high school pupil," as determined for the schools operated by the district or by a joint board of which the district is a member, based upon the costs of the preceding school term as provided for in section two thousand five hundred sixty-one of the act to which this is an amendment. In the event that any school district has not established such "tuition charge per elementary pupil" or "tuition charge per high school pupil," the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall fix a reasonable charge for such district for the year in question. In addition, the district shall pay on account of transportation by the county board of pupils to and from classes and schools for [handicapped] exceptional children, whether or not conducted by the county board, an amount to be determined by subtracting from the cost

of transportation per pupil the reimbursement due the district on account of such transportation in order to facilitate such payments by the several school districts. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall withhold from any moneys due to such district out of any state appropriation, except from reimbursements due on account of rentals as provided in section two thousand five hundred eleven point one of the act to which this is an amendment, the amounts due by such school districts to the Commonwealth. All amounts so withheld are hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the support of public schools. The cost of operating and administering classes and schools for institutionalized children, including the cost of necessary fiscal controls, shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

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WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 489

AN ACT

SB 1203

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 providing for the composition of the fair, park and recreation boards.

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

Section 1. Section 2503, act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," is amended to read:

Section 2503. Fair, Park and Recreation Boards.—If the county commissioners of any county shall determine that the power to supervise any or all recreation places shall be exercised by a park board or recreation board or fair board, they may establish in said county such fair board, park board or recreation board, which shall possess all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities of the respective county commissioners in the management, supervision, operation and maintenance of such recreation places. Any such boards, when established, shall consist of [not less than] a minimum of five persons and a maximum of nine persons. The members of such boards shall be appointed by the commissioners of the county and shall [serve for terms of five years