

*ing any such deed, mortgage or other instrument lacking the certification, he shall obtain the same from the custodian of the lot and block system.*

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1951.

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No. 84

AN ACT

To amend section one thousand one hundred fifty-four of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," by providing for the payment of salaries of professional and temporary professional employes in cases of sickness or death.

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 1154, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as last amended by act of May 2, 1949, P. L. 807, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section one thousand one hundred fifty-four of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," as last amended by the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 807), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

(a) In any school year whenever a professional or temporary professional employe is prevented by illness from following his or her occupation, the school district shall pay to said [professional] employe for each day of absence the full salary to which the [professional] employe may be entitled as if said employe were actually engaged in the performance of duty for a period of five days. Such leave shall be cumulative from year to year, but shall not exceed twenty (20) days leave with full pay in any one year.

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, the professional or temporary professional employes employed by the several boards of school di-

rectors establishing such joint school or department or merged or union school district 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.

The board of school directors shall require the [professional] employe to furnish a certificate from a physician or other practitioner certifying that said [professional] 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.

(b) Whenever a professional or temporary professional employe shall be absent from duty because of a death in the immediate family of said employe, there shall be no deduction in salary of said employe for an absence not in excess of three school days. The board of school directors may extend the period of absence with pay in its discretion as the exigencies of the case may warrant. Members of the immediate family shall be defined as father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, husband, wife, parent-in-law or near relative who resides in the same household, or any person with whom the [professional] employe has made his home.

(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 first cousin, grandfather, grandmother, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, brother-in-law or sister-in-law.

(d) All compensation required to be paid under the provisions of this act shall be paid to the [professional] employe in the same manner and at the same time said employe would have received his salary if actually engaged in the performance of his duties.

(e) Any board of school directors may adopt rules or regulations pertaining to the payment of salaries of [professional] employes when absent from duty, extending the period of leave with 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.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE