

No. 472

AN ACT

To amend 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 further providing for reimbursement by the Commonwealth to school districts and vocational school districts.

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

Section 1. Subsections 4, 5 and 6 of section two thousand five hundred one and sections two thousand five hundred two and two thousand five hundred three 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 twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1806), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2501. Definitions.—For the purposes of this article the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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(4) "Minimum Subsidy" shall designate the minimum amount, per teaching unit, payable by the Commonwealth to any school district or vocational school district under the provisions of this act. The minimum subsidy shall be [eight hundred dollars (\$800)] *one thousand dollars (\$1000)*.

(5) "Maximum Subsidy" shall designate the maximum amount, per teaching unit, which may be payable by the Commonwealth to any one school district or vocational school district under the provisions of this act. The maximum subsidy shall be: for the school year [1948-1949, two thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$2450); for the school year 1949-1950, three thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$3350); and for each school year thereafter, three thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$3450)] *1950-1951, three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850); for the school year 1951-1952, four thousand dollars (\$4000); for the school year 1952-1953, four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300); for the school year 1953-1954, four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500); for the school year 1954-1955, four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700); for the school year*

"Public School Code of 1949."

Subsections 4, 5 and 6 of section 2501 and sections 2502 and 2503, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as last amended by the act of May 23, 1949, P. L. 1806, further amended.

1955-1956, four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900); for the school year 1956-1957, five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5100); for the school year 1957-1958, five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300); for the school year 1958-1959 and for each school year thereafter, five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500): Provided, That in the event that Federal moneys shall at any time be made available to the Commonwealth for school purposes, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may from time to time increase the amount of the applicable maximum subsidy to school districts, but not to vocational school districts, to an extent necessary to absorb the amount of any allocation of Federal moneys so that "maximum subsidy," as hereinabove limited, shall always have reference to payments made out of appropriations of Commonwealth moneys irrespective of any available Federal moneys.

(6) "Standard Reimbursement Fraction." School districts' or vocational school districts' standard reimbursement fraction shall be computed annually in the month of December by the Department of Public Instruction.

[In the case of a school district, its standard reimbursement fraction shall be computed for the school year 1948-1949 by subtracting from two thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$2450), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's assessed valuation per district teaching unit by six one-thousandths (.006) and dividing the difference so obtained by two thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$2450); for the school year 1949-1950 by subtracting from three thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$3350), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit, as determined by the State Tax Equalization Board, by four one-thousandths (.004) and dividing the difference so obtained by three thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$3350); and for every school year thereafter by subtracting from three thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$3450), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit, as determined by the State Tax Equalization Board, by four one-thousandths (.004) and dividing the difference so obtained by three thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$3450).

A school district's assessed valuation, to be used for purposes of computing the standard reimbursement fraction for the school year 1948-1949, shall be the assessed valuation of the district's taxable real property, as determined for the preceding year for county tax purposes; for the school year 1949-1950 and for every

school year thereafter, each district's valuation to be used for purposes of computing its standard reimbursement fraction shall be the valuation placed upon its taxable real property by the State Tax Equalization Board.

In the case of a vocational school district, its standard reimbursement fraction shall be computed for the school year 1948-1949 by subtracting from two thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$2450), an amount determined by multiplying the assessed valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003) and dividing the difference so obtained by two thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$2450); for the school year 1949-1950 by subtracting from three thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$3350), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit, as determined by the State Tax Equalization Board, by two one-thousandths (.002) and dividing the difference so obtained by three thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$3350); and for every school year thereafter by subtracting from three thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$3450), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit, as determined by the State Tax Equalization Board, by two one-thousandths (.002) and dividing the difference so obtained by three thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$3450).]

In the case of a school district, its standard reimbursement fraction shall be computed for the school year 1950-1951 by subtracting from three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850); for the school year 1951-1952 by subtracting from four thousand dollars (\$4000), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand dollars (\$4000); for the school year 1952-1953 by subtracting from four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300); for the school year 1953-1954 by subtracting from four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand five

*hundred dollars (\$4500); for the school year 1954-1955 by subtracting from four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700); for the school year 1955-1956 by subtracting from four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900); for the school year 1956-1957 by subtracting from five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5100), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5100); for the school year 1957-1958 by subtracting from five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per *district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300); for the school year 1958-1959 and for each school year thereafter by subtracting from five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500), an amount determined by multiplying the school district's valuation per district teaching unit by four one-thousandths (.004), and dividing the difference so obtained by five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500).*

In the case of a vocational school district, its standard reimbursement fraction shall be computed for the school year 1950-1951 by subtracting from three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850); for the school year 1951-1952 by subtracting from four thousand dollars (\$4000), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand dollars (\$4000); for the school year 1952-1953 by subtracting from four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300); for the school year 1953-1954 by subtracting from four thousand five hundred

* "district" omitted in original.

dollars (\$4500), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500); for the school year 1954-1955 by subtracting from four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700); for the school year 1955-1956 by subtracting from four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900); for the school year 1956-1957 by subtracting from five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5100), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and *dividing the difference so obtained by five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5100); for the school year 1957-1958 by subtracting from five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300); for the school year 1958-1959 and for each school year thereafter by subtracting from five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500), an amount determined by multiplying the valuation per district teaching unit by three one-thousandths (.003), and dividing the difference so obtained by five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500).

A school district's or vocational school district's valuation, to be used for purposes of computing the standard reimbursement fraction, shall be the valuation placed upon its taxable real property by the State Tax Equalization Board.

A school district's or vocational school district's number of district teaching units, for purposes of determination of the standard reimbursement fraction, shall be obtained as follows: (i) divide by twenty-two (22) the number of district pupils in average daily membership in a public high school during the preceding school term; (ii) divide by thirty (30) the number of district pupils in average daily membership in a public elementary school during the preceding school term; and (iii) add the quotients obtained under (i) and (ii) above, except when the pupil-teacher ratio exceeds thirty-three (33), in which case the sum obtained under (i) and (ii) above

* "dividin" in original.

shall be multiplied by thirty-three (33) and the product so obtained shall be divided by the pupil-teacher ratio of the district. No school district or vocational school district shall be credited with less than one teaching unit, or be assigned a reimbursement fraction lower in value than the minimum subsidy divided by the maximum subsidy. All one-room schools operated in accordance with the provisions of this act shall, if their operation is approved by the State Council of Education, be credited with at least one teaching unit. The State Council of Education shall withhold its approval of any one-room, one-teacher school unless (i) topography, distance or condition of roads are such as to make transportation of pupils impractical, or (ii) it is impossible to accommodate pupils in existing graded schools in the district or other districts, or (iii) the district is financially unable to construct a consolidated school.

Section 2502. Payments on Account of Instruction.— [Every school district and every vocational school district shall be paid by the Commonwealth for the school year 1948-1949 on account of the instruction of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools and joint elementary schools, an amount to be determined by multiplying the number of teaching units, based on the number of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools and joint elementary schools, by two thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$2450) and by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.]

Every school district and every vocational school district shall be paid by the Commonwealth [for the school year 1949-1950] on account of the instruction of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools, [and] joint elementary schools *and joint high schools*, an amount to be determined by multiplying the number of teaching units, based on the number of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools, [and] joint elementary schools [by three thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$3350) and] *and joint high schools* by the district's standard reimbursement fraction; *and for the school year 1950-1951 by three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850); for the school year 1951-1952 by four thousand dollars (\$4000); for the school year 1952-1953 by four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300); for the school year 1953-1954 by four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500); for the school year 1954-1955 by four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700); for the school year 1955-1956 by four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900); for the school year 1956-1957 by five thousand one hundred dol-*

lars (\$5100); for the school year 1957-1958 by five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300); for the school year 1958-1959 and for each school year thereafter by five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500): Provided, That the amount of payment to be made by the Commonwealth to any school district during the school year [1950-1951 for the school year 1949-1950] 1951-1952 and 1952-1953 for the school years 1950-1951 and 1951-1952 on account of the instruction of pupils under the provisions of this section shall not be less than the amount paid to the district during the school year 1949-1950 on account of the instruction of pupils: Provided further, That if the number of teaching units in any school district for the school year 1950-1951 or 1951-1952 is less than the number of teaching units for the school year 1948-1949, the payment by the Commonwealth shall be reduced proportionately.

[Every school district and every vocational school district shall be paid by the Commonwealth for the school year 1950-1951 and for every school year thereafter on account of the instruction of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools and joint elementary schools, an amount to be determined by multiplying the number of teaching units, based on the number of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools and joint elementary schools, by three thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$3450) and by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.]

In addition to the payments hereinbefore specified, the following supplemental payments shall be made to the district of residence on account of pupils enrolled in elementary schools or high schools operated by joint boards of which the district of residence is a member and pupils enrolled in schools operated by union or merged districts:

(1) In the case of joint elementary schools, five hundred dollars (\$500) per teaching unit multiplied by the standard reimbursement fraction of the district of residence.

(2) In the case of joint high schools, five hundred dollars (\$500) per teaching unit multiplied by the standard reimbursement fraction of the district of residence.

(3) In the case of elementary schools operated by union or merged districts, eight hundred dollars (\$800) per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

(4) In the case of high schools operated by union or merged districts, eight hundred dollars (\$800) per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

In all cases, the supplemental payments specified in the foregoing shall be made only for organizations approved by the Department of Public Instruction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, when, because of sparsity of population, road or climatic conditions, or lack of other available high school facilities, the State Council of Education has approved the continued operation of a small high school, the district shall receive an amount based on a number of teaching units equal to the number of teachers approved by the State Council of Education as being required to provide a satisfactory educational program in such school, provided that the number of teachers employed is not less than the number approved.

For no year shall any school district or vocational school district receive less than the minimum subsidy per teaching unit.

Section 2503. Payments on Account of Tuition.—(a) Each school district, regardless of classification, sending pupils to another school district or vocational school district or to a joint [high] school, approved by the Department of Public Instruction, shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year, on account of tuition, an amount to be determined by multiplying the sum of “overhead cost per pupil” and “instruction cost per elementary pupil” or “instruction cost per high school pupil,” as the case may be, as defined in section two thousand five hundred sixty-one of this act, or in the case of district pupils attending a school not located in this Commonwealth, on the basis of a reasonable tuition charge per pupil to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction—(i) by the number of district pupils [, except district pupils attending a high school operated by a joint board of which the district of residence is a member,] sent to schools of other districts or to [a joint school] *joint schools*; and (ii) by the district’s standard reimbursement fraction; and (iii) for tuition up to and including the school year 1948-1949, by seventy-five-one-hundredths (.75), and thereafter by eighty-five-one-hundredths (.85); and (iv) subtracting from the amount so obtained, the per pupil state appropriation paid to the district where the pupil attends school multiplied by the number of pupils.

[(b) Each school district regardless of classification, which is a member of a joint board which operates a joint high school, sending pupils to such joint high school approved by the Department of Public Instruction, shall be paid by the Commonwealth for the school year 1948-1949 and for every school year thereafter on account of the instruction of such pupils, an amount to

be determined by multiplying the sum of "overhead cost per pupil" and "instruction cost per high school pupil," as defined in section two thousand five hundred sixty-one of this act, (i) by the number of district pupils sent to such joint high school and (ii) by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.]

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one. Act effective
July 1, 1951.

APPROVED—The 27th day of December, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 473

AN ACT

To amend sections one thousand one hundred sixty-six and one thousand one hundred sixty-nine 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 further providing for sab-batical leaves of absence.

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

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Section 1. Sections one thousand one hundred sixty-six and one thousand one hundred sixty-nine 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," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sections 1166
and 1169, act of
March 10, 1949,
P. L. 30,
amended.

Section 1166. Persons Entitled.—(a) Any person employed in the public school system of this Commonwealth who has completed ten (10) years of satisfactory service as a [teacher, or, in first class school districts, as a member of the instructional staff or department of instruction, as now defined by the local board of education,] *professional employe or member of the supervisory, instructional or administrative staff, or, in first class school districts, as a member of the instructional staff, as defined by the local board of education,* shall be entitled to a leave of absence for restoration of health, study or travel, or, at the discretion of the board of school directors, for other purposes. At least five consecutive years of such service shall have been in the school district from which