

(c) Any school district, by invoking the powers herein granted, shall not thereby forfeit its right to reimbursement by the Commonwealth or other State-aid as otherwise provided for by this act.

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

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 542

AN ACT

To further amend the last paragraph of section 507 of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," by authorizing departments, boards and commissions to contract for utility services furnished by political subdivisions and authorities.

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

Section 1. The last paragraph of section 507 of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commis-

"The Administrative Code of 1929."

The last paragraph of section 507, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, as amended by act of July 5, 1947, P. L. 1349, further amended.

sions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," as amended by the act, approved the fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1349), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 507. Purchases.—

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Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, any department, board or commission may:

(1) Purchase repairs or repair parts for its equipment from the manufacturer of such equipment, or from the manufacturer's authorized dealer;

(2) [Contract for services of the public utility companies] *Contract for utility services furnished by public utility companies, political subdivisions and authorities;*

(3) Rent machinery and other equipment and devices;

(4) Employ professional or skilled labor, on a temporary basis, in instances where the Department of Property and Supplies does not have an applicable contract, but all such employment shall be approved by the Governor except in the case of a State institution, when it shall be approved by the head of the department having supervision over the institution;

(5) Subscribe to periodicals, magazines or newspapers, or purchase books or take memberships in independent organizations or societies having related functions, but all such memberships shall be approved by the Governor.

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

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 543

AN ACT

To further amend section 2 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 289), entitled "An act providing for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the coal mines of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; the protection and preservation of property connected therewith; the appointment of electrical inspectors by the Secretary of Mines with the consent and ap-