

been in the school district from which leave of absence is sought, unless the board of school directors shall in its discretion allow a shorter time. Such leave of absence shall be for a half or full school term or for two half school terms during a period of two years, at the option of such person: *Provided, however, if a sabbatical leave is requested because of the illness of an employe, a leave shall be granted for a period equivalent to a half or full school term or equivalent to two half school terms during a period of two years.* Thereafter, one leave of absence shall be allowed after each seven years of service.

A sabbatical leave granted to a regular employe shall also operate as a leave of absence without pay from all other school activities.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of August, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

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No. 113

AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, 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," providing for the annual election of treasurers of joint schools and departments.

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

Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section one thousand seven hundred five, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended August nineteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1136), is amended to read:

Section 1705, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended August 19, 1953, P. L. 1136, further amended.

Section 1705. Superintendent; Treasurer; Budget.—If one of the districts operating a joint school system including grades 1 to 12 has a district superintendent, he shall have administrative and supervisory jurisdiction over the joint school system. Otherwise, it shall be under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent. The several boards of school directors of the school districts establishing such joint school or department shall meet in joint session at least once a year, for the purpose of adopting the annual school budget. At such joint session they shall elect, from the treasurers of their respective districts, one who shall act as the treasurer of such joint

school or department, for a one year term beginning on the first Monday of July following his election, to whom shall be paid, by the several districts establishing such joint school or department, the amount agreed upon to be contributed by each district for the support of such joint school or department. They shall fix the salary of the treasurer of such joint school or department annually, at an amount not exceeding two per centum of the funds passing through his hands.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of August, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 114

AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, 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," providing for the office of vice-president for joint schools or departments; fixing the term of office of the secretary; and prescribing the duties of certain officers.

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 1707, act
of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
amended July
27, 1953, P. L.
629, further
amended.

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

Section 1. Section one thousand seven hundred seven, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 629), is amended to read:

Section 1707. Joint School Committee.—The boards of school directors, establishing any joint school or department, may supervise and direct its affairs, jointly, in the same manner as the affairs of individual school districts are managed; or they may agree that the affairs of such joint school or department may be managed by a joint school committee within the limits of the budget adopted by the joint board. Where such management is delegated to a joint school committee, every school board establishing joint schools or departments shall, at the annual meeting during the month of December, select one or more of its members who, with the members chosen in like manner in the other districts, shall constitute the joint school committee. This committee shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to all the liabilities with reference to the supervision, maintenance and regulation of such joint schools or departments as are now conferred or imposed by law upon school boards gener-