

No. 16

AN ACT

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," providing that out-of-state physicians may certify that applicants for teachers' certificates are not mentally or physically disabled.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 1209, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read: Section 1209, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended.

Section 1209. Disqualifications.—No teacher's certificate shall be granted to any person who has not submitted upon a blank furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a certificate from a physician legally qualified to practice medicine in this Commonwealth or in any other state or the District of Columbia, setting forth that said applicant is neither mentally nor physically disqualified, by reason of tuberculosis or any other chronic or acute defect, from successful performance of the duties of a teacher; nor to any person who has not a good moral character, or who is in the habit of using opium or other narcotic drugs in any form, or any intoxicating drink as a beverage.

APPROVED—The 15th day of April, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 17

AN ACT

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," requiring that children be vaccinated before being admitted to kindergartens.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 1303, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read: Section 1303, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended.

Section 1303. Vaccination Required; Penalty.—(a) It shall be the duty of all school directors, superintendents, principals, or other persons in charge of any public,

private, parochial, or other school, *including kindergarten*, to refuse the admission of any child to any of said schools under their charge or supervision, except upon a certificate signed by a physician, setting forth that such child has been vaccinated and that a subsequent examination reveals a resulting cicatrix indicating successful vaccination, or that vaccination has been performed according to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Health, with the sanction and advice of the Advisory Health Board, or that the child has previously had smallpox. All certificates of vaccination shall be issued in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Health with the sanction and advice of the Advisory Health Board.

(b) Any person who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with, or who shall violate, any of the provisions or requirements of this section, shall, for every such offense, upon summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), and in default thereof, to undergo an imprisonment in the jail of the proper county for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days. All such fines shall be paid into the treasury of the school district.

APPROVED—The 15th day of April, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 18

AN ACT

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," authorizing submission of question of formation of union or merged districts at primary elections.

Public School
Code of 1949.

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

Section 251, act
of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
amended August
19, 1953, P. L.
1174, further
amended.

Section 1. Section 251, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended August 19, 1953 (P. L. 1174), is amended to read:

Section 251. How Formed.—Any two or more school districts may form a union school district, in the following manner: Each of the districts desiring to form a union school district shall present a petition to the county commissioners of the county where such district is located, signed by at least a majority of the members